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## Here's What We Learned In Tunisia

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The Army this week listed a number of errors made by American troops in the recent fighting in Tunisia and declared that the lessons learned there will be applied in training over here so as to build a "mis-take-free" United States Army.

A memorandum issued by Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commander of Army Ground Forces, to the troops undergoing pre-battle training in the United States, outlined for the first time the errors made by our troops in their initial defeat by Nazi veterans and subsequent "come-back" which repelled Rommel's men.

### To Be Corrected

General McNair said that the combat errors will be demonstrated to the troops training in the United

ates and that "corrective measures are already being put into effect."

The Army Ground Forces chief said that the mistakes occurred in combat in Tunisia were repetitions of errors made by our troops in training maneuvers in this country.

"The solution," he declared, "is the inculcation of such a state of discipline that men will, in the excitement of battle, instinctively do the things which they have been taught to do in the class room, on the drill field and on maneuvers."

### Lists Faults

General McNair's memorandum listed these as the faults observed in the Tunisian fighting:

1. Failure to dig fox-holes promptly upon taking up a position.

2. Failure to make full use of available cover and to conceal their position by improvising camouflage quickly.

3. Avoidance of "booby-traps" — equipment or personal belongings, such as fountain pens, left behind by a retreating enemy, which explode when souvenir-hunting soldiers pick them up.

4. Insufficient dispersion of troops — an important feature to lessen the effectiveness of enemy bombing.

5. Movement of truck columns bearing supplies or troops in closed-up formations and during the daytime, making them good target for enemy air attacks. Such movements should be made at night, whenever possible.

### Leadership "Encouraging"

6. Failure to make a proper reconnaissance of the route over which motor columns are sent. The lack of such a reconnaissance or full knowledge of the route selected resulted in "some unnecessary loss of motor equipment" in Tunisia, it was said.

In his memorandum on the lessons of the Tunisian campaign, General McNair said that reports from North Africa on the caliber of leadership shown by both commissioned and non-commissioned officers was encouraging.

"In general, personal leadership by commanders has been of the highest order and there have been many examples of the personal bravery of officers and non-commissioned officers inspiring their men to super-human efforts," he said.

## Air Cadet Program Revised

ATLANTA, Ga.—A complete revision of the Army aviation cadet program to extend the training for cadets to fifteen and one-half months instead of the present eight and one-half was announced by headquarters, Fourth Service Command.

The announcement said that the new program would be made up in the following manner:

(1) In the first two months aviation cadet candidates will be processed and have basic training in an Air Force basic training center.

(2) In the next five months they will study at a university or college where, in addition to pre-aviation cadet training, they will take five academic courses. They will have 60 hours in each of these: modern history, English, geography, mathematics, through trigonometry. In physics they are to have 180 hours.

If a student successfully completes the course, he will go to the Air Force classification center to determine whether he should become a navigator, bombardier, or pilot. Then he will become an aviation cadet and follow advanced academic subjects, and receive advanced flying for another eight months.

## Start Operation at Riley But Finish in Denver

FORT RILEY, Kans.—The combined efforts of three hospitals and two air bases have apparently saved the sight of an eye for Pvt. William M. Kotze, Maintenance Company, 14th Armored Regiment of the 9th Armored Division.

Late last week, while working without goggles, a sizeable piece of metal became imbedded in Private Kotze's eye as he attempted to hammer a block of iron. He was taken to the station hospital, where an incision was made in the eye and a magnet used in an effort to remove it. The magnet wasn't large enough to do the trick, however, and another was sent to Fort Riley by a Topeka hospital, but still the foreign body refused to come out.

The station hospital then contacted Marshall Field and arranged to take Kotze by plane to Fitzsimmons General Hospital at Denver with the aid of the Salina Air Base.

Private Kotze and Capt. Robert T. Henry of the station hospital staff were flown from Marshall Field to Salina, where a bomber was waiting to take them on to Denver. The party left Marshall Field at 7:15 p.m. Friday and reached Denver about 10:30.

There the metal was finally removed by means of a "giant magnet" and Captain Henry, who returned here by train, reports that the operation was successful and that Private Kotze's vision will be saved. The injured soldier remained at Fitzsimmons for further treatment, but is expected to be restored to duty soon.

The station hospital then contacted Marshall Field and arranged

Committee.

It is believed that President Roosevelt approves the idea although a bill to create the rank of Admiral of the Fleet was defeated last year largely because of his opposition.

However, the War Department has taken no official recognition of the proposal.

Chief reason offered for the new rank is that in dealing with representatives of foreign armies, General

CAMP PICKETT, Va.—Months ago, Chief Warrant Officer James B. Rounds wrote a song and sent it off to Washington. Then he forgot about it, and went back to

the routine of directing the 179th Infantry Band.

Now, suddenly, the song has been revived in his mind. He has been informed that his "AGF Marching Song" won the national competition of the Army Ground Forces, and soon will be plugged on the radio like "Mr. Five by Five."

### BROADCAST

Already the Army Band has broadcast the ditty coast to coast, and other national programs have indicated their intentions of using it.

This all took Rounds by surprise, and he has sent home for a copy of the song. He wants to see what it looks like, and he'll probably arrange it for his band.

This isn't his first composition, it's about his fiftieth. His later works have been such things as "The 179th Infantry March," and "Thunderbird March," while his earlier efforts, he admits unblushingly, were love songs of the traditional "moon-June" variety.

Short, wiry, about 45, Rounds has been with the 179th's band since the 45th mobilized back in September, 1940. Before that he directed the band at Harding Junior High School, Oklahoma City.

### No Ivory Tinkler

Mr. Rounds plays nearly all band instruments, but surprisingly, knows little piano. Nevertheless, he composes his music at a battered piano in any nearby recreation hall, scribbling down the notes on the music rack.

If the Army has its way, his AGF Marching Song will take its place beside the Marine Hymn, the Field Artillery Song and other great military songs.

And it may be the song the American soldiers sing when they swarm over Hitler's domain.



CHIEF WO JAMES B. ROUNDS

His song was picked by AGF

## Selection of Soldiers to Go To College Is Standardized

The War Department announced this week the setting up of a system to assure uniform standards and procedures throughout the continental United States for the selection of enlisted men to participate in the Army Specialized Training Program.

Classification officers or unit personnel officers will designate the men in their units who have completed, or are about to complete, their basic training, and who have the prescribed qualifications. These men will be given a special standardized, objective test for college aptitude. A selection board will then give consideration to each man who has achieved the required minimum score of 110 or better in the test. Assignments will be made by the commanding officer, who will be authorized to make selections within prescribed quotas, on the basis of military needs.

### Who Can Go

Selection for the basic program is limited to enlisted men who have not passed their 22nd birthdays, who are high school graduates or who have demonstrated by reason of aptitude, experience and training that they have the equivalent of a high school education, and who have made a score of 110 or better in the Army General Classification Test.

The advanced program is open to men aged 18 or above who have completed the basic program, or who have had one or more years of approved college work, and whose aptitudes, as shown by test scores, and qualifications, as determined through

interview by selection boards, are sufficiently high to warrant the advanced work.

Initially, emphasis will be on the selection of men who are qualified for the advanced courses in electrical, chemical, civil and mechanical engineering.

Enlisted men assigned to the Army

Specialized Training Program are on active duty, and will receive quarters, mess, clothing, equipment, and instruction at Army expense. Each man will be trained in the grade of private. Initially, pay and authorized allotments will be in accordance with this grade. Non-commissioned officers, technicians and privates, first class, will be reduced to the grade of private, without prejudice upon the date of their departure from their unit for the school.

Weekly schedules for men in the Army Specialized Training Program will include approximately 24 hours of class and laboratory work; 24 hours of preparation and study; six hours of physical conditioning; and 5 hours of military instruction. Men will be off duty from late Saturday afternoon until Sunday evening mess.

Enlisted men may obtain information on the program through their unit commanders, or by addressing inquiries through channels to the Commanding General of Service Commands.

## PXs to Take Cut in Some Items; Clothing Affected

Post exchanges within the continental limits of the United States have given up high priority rating on all items except for a limited list of those deemed essential to maintain the morale of soldiers on an Army post, the War Department announced. The purpose is to save materials and transportation.

Since it is necessary to get as many conveniences as possible to soldiers overseas, overseas post exchanges will not be affected. Actually, the soldiers within the continental limits of the United States are giving up their high rating on certain items such as wrist watches, flashlights and flashlight batteries so that the men who are in foreign lands may be assured of getting these and similar items.

Not affected by the new ruling

are candies, soft drinks, ice cream, chewing gum, tobacco, certain toilet articles and equipment cleaning items, which are considered necessary in the normal camp life of a soldier in the U. S. Army.

Most drastically affected are articles of clothing and accessories, handkerchiefs, ties, coats, shirts, and underwear. This does not mean that these items are not to be sold in the post exchanges, but merely that their priorities have been lowered.

Copies of the Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

# Yanks Find Use for Jap Surrender Tickets—But Catalogue Is Better

CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.—A facsimile of a leaflet dropped by the Japs on Guadalcanal, calling upon the U. S. Marines to "surrender and be kindly treated," was displayed this week in the MRTC by Cpl. Horace C. Cook, Jr., of the classification office.

The document, reprinted from an original by an Army newspaper in Honolulu, is an example of the hopeless methods being employed by the Japs to try to entice the Americans to surrender.

#### Pin-Up Art?

On one page is a sketch of a woman, wearing nothing more than a fanless fan-dancer, while on the other page is the message.

"Ticket to Armistice," it reads. "Use this ticket, save your life, you will be kindly treated. Follow these instructions:

"1. Come towards our lines waving a white flag.

"2. Strap your gun over your left shoulder, muzzle down and pointed behind you.

"3. Show this ticket to the sentry. "4. Any number of you may surrender with this one ticket—Japanese Army Headquarters."

Below this are a series of characters in Japanese, and below that, the translation: "Sing your way to peace and pray for peace. Surrender Ticket. The Bearer(s) of this ticket has surrendered. It is strictly forbidden to kill him (them).—Commander Japanese Army Forces."

#### Army Paper Comments

On the reverse side of the paper, the Army publication that reproduces the leaflet added a fitting editorial. "The pinheads of Tojo are really the world's most optimistic

fools, to expect her to ever work. Notice the invitation carefully—'A Ticket to Armistice. . . .' You will be treated kindly.'

"By that they mean they'll use a bow knot when they tie you to a post and bayonet you in the back as they did our Canadian and Chinese Allies in Hong Kong and Nanking.

"Kindly!" The kindness they graciously gave our buddies on Bataan while they waved the sacred white flag and shot from ambush—the kindness that the heroic defenders of Corregidor received from their yellow claws.

"But their days are numbered—their sands are playing out fast."

Admiral Halsey voiced the sentiment of America when he said, "We'll repay everything with interest." He and we aren't fooling about that, either, Hirohito!

#### Funny Catch Line

"That last line is really funny, though, Sing your way to peace, pray for peace." Anybody using one of those tickets had better do a helluva lot of praying—if you follow what we mean . . .

"Oh, yes, the Marines used them for exactly the same thing you would, but they say a Sears-Roebuck Catalog is more reliable—after all, the lady was 'made in Japan'."

## Arms Production Continues to Gain

More than 70,000 aircraft bombs of 1,000-pound size or larger were produced by American industry in January, enough with which to bomb the enemy at the rate of 2,300 a day for thirty days, the War Department announced. Aircraft production for the month was approximately 5,000 airplanes, of which more than 65 per cent were of combat type.

Procurement of equipment for the ground and air forces has been steadily climbing at an average rate of nearly one hundred million dollars a month for the past year. Production for January, 1943, was 3½ times the

rate of January, 1942. Although somewhat below the production for December, 1942, as a result of anticipated fluctuations caused by year-end adjustments, January was nevertheless in line with the scheduled long-term upward trend.

Many new or recently modified items are either just entering into production or their mass production is beginning to be effective. An example of this is seen in the January output of more than 58,000 carbines. Other important items which have been in mass production for some time are now beginning to reach their planned maximum monthly rate. During January there were turned out more than 80,000 Garand rifles, 27,000 .50 caliber aircraft machine guns, 7,000 20-mm. aircraft cannon, and 68,000 sub-machine guns. More than 37,000,000 square feet of metal landing mats were also produced for air fields during the month.

## Famed Flag Comes Home

two Army dance band numbers, "Red, White, and Blues," and "Shelby Blues."

Words of the "85th Divisional Fight Song" are:

We're from the Eighty-Fifth Division;

We fight for the U. S. A.

We fight for Democracy's freedom, For the land of the free and the home of the brave.

These are the things that we all fight for,

And we'll fight till the last man is gone.

When the road ahead is rough and the rest have had enough,

The Eighty-Fifth Marches On.

## 'Fight Song' Cheers Shelby's 85th Division

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—The 85th Division now has its own "Fight Song," a swinging march tune played and sung in public for the first time at a recent Service Club dance here.

The man responsible for it is S/Sgt. Malcolm Dunn, assistant director of the 337th Infantry Band, who composed its music, wrote the words, and arranged the song for military band use.

Writing his own music is nothing new for Sergeant Dunn, for his "The A. R. C. to Victory" will be used by the American Red Cross as a campaign song, and his "337th Infantry Victory Song" has been used for some time by his band at reveille.

Sergeant Dunn has also written

## Corporal Designs Standard For Wildcat 81st Division

CAMP RUCKER, Ala.—A new standard designed by Cpl. Jack F. Daniels, former San Francisco free lance artist, has been approved by the Adjutant-General Office of the War Department and adopted by the 306th Medical Battalion of Maj. Gen. Paul J. Mueller's Wildcat (81st) Division, stationed here.

The flag, embroidered in the battalion colors of maroon and white and having in the center a snarling wildcat in green, wearing a Red Cross patch over its left eye, was presented by General Mueller to the battalion

at impressive ceremonies during a retreat formation.

Corporal Daniels designed the colorful standard in two days. Two fleur-de-lis flanking the cat are symbolic of the two major engagements the battalion went through in World War I—the Meuse-Argonne and the Lorraine.

In presenting the new colors to Lt. Col. Stanley F. Ewing, commanding officer of the 306th, General Mueller expressed a conviction that the banner would fly above a courageous and victorious battalion. The standard was blessed by Chaplain J. H. Magee.

of regimental size, also rode with Colonel (now Brigadier General) William Hale Wilbur, Infantry, on his daring 16-mile ride from Fedala to Casablanca, through hostile country and frequently under fire, to deliver letters to French high commanders in the hope that hostilities might be averted. His heroism won for Colonel Wilbur the Congressional Medal of Honor and promotion.

The color went ashore flying, General Patton reported, with the first wave of troops to enter Fedala Bay. During the movement to the shore in the early morning blackness, the landing boat on which the color was carried was discovered by a French corvette and illuminated by its searchlight. Immediately the boat was fired upon by a machine gun set up near the mouth of Fedala Harbor. It was the first fire of the action at Fedala.

## Claiborne Corporal Perfect in Test

CAMP CLAIBORNE, La.—Rudolph Harris of Camp Claiborne's station complement, Quartermaster Corps, scored a mark of 100 per cent in a test given soldiers attending the motor pool school here.

The school is conducted by Capt. P. A. Bristow, motor pool officer. Sgt. Allen Bell is in charge of the 106 colored drivers of the Quartermaster Corps taking the course, the first six weeks of which has just

AMERICAN INDIANS have sent more than 11,000 men to war, out of a population of less than 400,000, creating a manpower shortage on reservations.

been completed.

The purpose of the school, Captain Bristow stated is to decrease accidents by improving the efficiency of the drivers. By attending the course, the men will have an added incentive to work for promotions.

Already the school has indicated its advantages in that the average mark obtained by soldiers in the written test just given showed a great improvement over previous examinations. The last average mark was 68 compared to the 88 made in the current test.

The first phase of the school which stressed the elementary principles of driving consisted of lectures, motion pictures, and three hours of lecture

on first aid.

The next phase of the school will begin March 9 when advance classes will be held for another six weeks. Written and practical aptitude tests will be given at the end of the period.

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## GI Pets

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**NO ONE** would take the receiver off the hook for 'Bowie,' unofficial mascot of the 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion at Camp Bowie, Tex., so he proceeded to chew through a telephone wire getting calls all mixed up. Capt. C. A. Murray, battalion officer, who gave the pup to its present owner, Capt. James B. Kemp, explained why 'Bowie' has such a talent for getting into trouble. "He was born on December 7."

—Signal Corps Photo

## Roberts GI's Learn Amphibious Tricks

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—Performing dual roles as amphibious creatures is one of the features of today's Infantrymen and at the Camp Roberts Infantry Replacement Training Center, under the command of Brig. Gen. Eugene W. Fales, trainees are learning to do the job to perfection.

Through the use of large cargo nets attached to towers 25 feet in height, infantry trainees scramble up and down two recently constructed scaling towers. Such scaling wall is 25 feet high, 10 feet deep, and is equipped with four scaling or cargo nets, each 10 feet by 25 feet, two

and two on the opposite side. Object of using the scaling wall is to train troops for landing operations on hostile shores. Their job will be to get into landing boats and go ashore to establish beachheads in enemy territory. Prior to actually practicing embarking and disembarking, an explanation of landing tactics is given.

First time the scaling wall is used in the early part of the training period—trainees climb the nets without rifles, gas masks and packs. Second time the course is run—in the latter part of training period—rifles, gas masks and full field packs are worn.

## Officers Get Chance to Fly As FA Pilot-Observers

Officers without previous flying experience may now volunteer for training as Field Artillery liaison pilot-observers, the War Department announces.

Volunteers must be physically qualified lieutenants or captains already commissioned in or assigned to the Field Artillery who are not over 36 years of age or more than 170 pounds in weight.

The course for organic air observation will consist of 10 weeks' basic flying training at an Army Air Force

primary training school, with five additional weeks to be spent in operational instruction as liaison pilot-observers at the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Okla. Classes of 50 officers will open weekly.

Upon successful completion of the basic flying training course, officers become liaison pilots. They receive flying pay for the duration of the course. This pay is continued upon an officer's assignment to the Field Artillery Air Observation Section of a troop unit.

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# Grant Service Club Pix Shows Medics in Action



CAMP GRANT, Ill.—A pastel mural, representing more than 1,400 hours' work by a Camp Grant bugler, which depicts in life size a medical soldier administering first aid to two wounded comrades, was presented to the Service Club this week.

Measuring 6½ by 7½ feet, the painting is the work of Cpl. Courtney A. Leubner, 23-year-old bugler for the 32nd battalion.

A commercial artist in Milwaukee, Wis., before he entered the Army 18 months ago, Corporal Leubner started the painting eight months ago at the suggestion of an officer who wanted something to fill a bare spot on the stage of a study building. Since then he has devoted every spare moment to the task, which was complicated somewhat when he was transferred

three times during that period.

Since the price of canvas was found to be high, Corporal Leubner painted the mural on an ordinary bed sheet which he purchased for \$1.50. He used photographs of trainees practicing first aid for working models.

Blending colors was nothing new to the bugler-artist, who took a two-year course in the Wisconsin Art Institute. He used more than a score of hues to obtain the necessary detail and desired depth. But it was no easy job. He spent close to 30 hours painting and repainting a single hand.

Nevertheless, Corporal Leubner enjoyed the work. He was so engrossed in his painting that he took no pass or furlough during the entire eight-month period, except for a four-day visit with his family at Christmas

time. The mural is no amateur's work. The color is rich and Corporal Leubner used his own uniform and equipment to obtain the correct shades for the khaki worn by his subjects.

The medical man is shown with full equipment, including medical pouch, gas mask and canteen. The two injured men rest their heads on their helmets, with a rifle lying under the legs of one of the soldiers.

Corporal Leubner dedicated the mural to the soldiers of Camp Grant—"those trained here in the past who are now saving lives on the battlefields, and the others who will follow them."

A native of Milwaukee, the artist was employed in drawing plans for model pursuit planes before entering the Army.

## Moider De Bum

# Umpires Rule 'War Games'

MOBILE HEADQUARTERS, THIRD ARMY, Somewhere in Louisiana—Playing a tough and responsible role in the conduct of the Third Army maneuvers under Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, are hundreds of umpires who make decisions in every tactical operation.

War-time maneuvers simulate in every possible way the conditions that will be faced in actual combat. No live ammunition can be used—and that's where the umpires come into the picture. The umpire takes the place of "bullets" since he decides which of the opposing forces has the advantage and whether such an action would be successful against the enemy. Thus a spirit of realism and keen competition is injected into the maneuvers.

Carefully selected for their knowledge of tactics and their sense of fair judgment, maneuver umpires receive detailed instructions before the problems begin. Decisions in the field are reached on the basis of relative strength of troops, fire power and positions of the fighting units. Although umpires accompany units of the two opposing forces they are in no sense a part of such units and are only attached as guide and control officers for the action. Their efforts are to promote realism by every proper procedure and their decisions express and interpret tactical facts. They remain "neutral" in the same sense that the umpire of a football game is neutral.

Umpiring is no soft job. Officers on this duty have almost continuous assignments, sometimes going for long periods without sleep. For instance, the umpire accompanies even

the smallest reconnaissance patrol at night while the main force may be resting in bivouac. He plays the game according to military rules, living in the field and observing all rules of concealment, blackouts and security.

There are five types of umpires now being used in maneuvers, according to Maj. Lawrence A. Peabody, chief umpire. The unit umpire who serves with infantry units, the fire umpire who marks the location of artillery barrages with a flag, the liaison umpire who inspects and coordinates the work of the other umpires, the air umpire who decides the results of action by enemy aircraft on ground troops, and the ground umpire who decides the dam-

age to aircraft by ground forces.

Following the first phase of maneuvers all commissioned and non-commissioned officers on umpire duty were called together this week for a two-day school in order to better coordinate this important work for the remainder of the field exercises. Officers from the Third Army Director Group, each a specialist in his particular arm or service, emphasized the methods whereby umpires can aid in training of troops and assist the Director Group by accurate reports on their observations. During a conference period following the remarks, each instructor conducted a discussion of new problems that had confronted umpires during the first two weeks in the field.

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# Tank Destroyers In Africa Praised

CAMP HOOD, Tex.—"Tank destroyers in Africa have proved their usefulness, and are the talk of the new campaign there," Col. Thomas J. Heavey, executive officer of the Second Tank Destroyer Brigade, just returned from a 30,000-mile tour as an observer in England and North Africa, reported here this week.

Colonel Heavey doesn't think the Allies are going to have an easy time in Africa, however. "It is very evident that the German forces in Tunisia are well-trained and well-equipped, and they have a very high morale. They are battle-seasoned, skilled troops," he said.

Solving the problem of supply is the key to the battle in this theater of war, Colonel Heavey believes. The task of General Eisenhower's command is complicated by poor roads, inadequate railroads and immense distances.

Colonel Heavey found high praise from officers everywhere in North Africa for the self-propelled 75-mm. tank destroyer, the familiar half-

track.

One tank destroyer was credited with knocking out five German Mark IV tanks with seven rounds, with five successive shots. In the same fight, another destroyer knocked out two tanks with three rounds, officers said. The tank destroyer company involved stopped an attack on an American position with light losses.

In another instance, TD's were used for the capture of a mountain pass defended by German infantry and anti-tank guns. The destroyers actually were used as attacking tanks. The company got its objective, but had to return because the infantry couldn't come up fast enough.

"The American troops I saw over there are different from the tanned troops they were during maneuvers in this country. They have no tan, seem pale, but they are in top condition, contented and happy, and the chow is good," Colonel Heavey reported.

## Maxey Mixtures

CAMP MAXEY, Tex.—Camp Maxey is on the air waves. Talent from three infantry regiments provides 30 minutes of top notch entertainment every Thursday night over Station KPLT, Paris. Each succeeding week one of the three units will take a bow via the air waves.

The "Rolling Wheel," mimeographed newspaper of the 15th Cavalry notes that a recent blackout would have been perfect but the O. D. forgot to turn out the moon.

Craned necks are the order of the day at Service Club No. 1. The flag decorations that hang from the uppermost beams of the ceiling cause soldiers to stretch their necks and gaze upwards. Reminiscent of the Avenue of Flags at the World's Fair, the 30 flags of the fighting Allies are displayed. Every flag of the fighting Allies is on display but one: The Free French flag does not fly with the others because the manufacturers are not up to date on foreign affairs. Largest of all is the Old Glory suspended from the center beam.

Dramatic talent here is too boisterous thinks Mrs. Norma Gumm, hostess at Guest House No. 1. A Shakespearean soldier chose the quiet and calm of the guest house boiler room as a place of rehearsal. In this secluded retreat he vented forth an emotional tirade little realizing that his stentorian tones pouring out of the hot air vents of the heating system had rudely awakened 40 guests in the rooms above.

Another regimental newspaper has made its appearance here. The Marksman, a weekly printed paper, is being published for the 407th Infantry.

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## Peace of Forgiveness

Last week the representative of a nation that has been bled and tortured on the rack of Japanese aggression for six years asked for forgiveness of her enemies. Madame Chiang Kai-shek called for a peace of charity.

How could this marvelous woman who has watched the life blood of her nation ooze from its veins have anything but hate in her heart? She is no starry-eyed theorist who preaches charity without ever having practiced it herself. Madame Chiang has served her apprenticeship in the hospitals of China and among her starving people. She has seen her people suffer and she has suffered with them. She has good reason to hate—and to hate with every fiber of her being—the barbarian islanders who have brought such death and destruction upon her ancient, wise and good nation.

To hear Madame Chiang's message fills us with a great fire—an anger against that upstart nation which has laid its filthy hand upon something that is good and fine, and a determination that, once we've shoved the Japanese and the Nazis back in their place, Madame Chiang and the rest of her kind who really know the meaning of such words as forgiveness and charity shall have a chance to build us a better world.

## Yank Weapons Get 1st Test Against Nazis in Tunisia

That furious but unsuccessful attempt of General Rommel last week to shove his way out of a tight spot was costly to the American Army in Tunisia in men and equipment, but in many ways it was of extreme value. It gave the Yanks their first test against the much-vaunted Nazis. And it taught them many lessons, preparing them for the coming invasion of Europe.

Perhaps the most important of these lessons is always to expect the Germans to do the unexpected. One of the cardinal principles taught all Nazis officers is: "If there is a choice between two courses of action, choose the more audacious." In Tunisia, we didn't think Rommel had sufficient force to attempt an attack. We paid a heavy price for our complacency.

But there were other lessons, too. We learned that we mustn't spread our forces too thin—that Americans must work together in larger units. However, most significant was the test of our weapons.

Although we are weak in some details—and these will be corrected—on the whole our equipment outmatches that of the Germans and Italians. It was definitely proved, for instance, that our heavy artillery and our method of employing it were superior to the enemy's. Our 155 mm. and 105 mm. guns, both field pieces and howitzers, are as good as anything the enemy has—and our accuracy is definitely better.

Our light arms are better. The Germans have a machine gun of slightly larger calibre, capable of more rapid fire, but they waste it with impressive bursts of fire, rather than effective shooting, and since our rapid-fire rifles and carbines are superior and our accuracy is greater we overmatch them.

In the intermediate field, however, the Germans have a decided ad-

vantage. While we still rely on the old French 75, they have a new 75 field gun with a very high muzzle velocity, which gives it longer range and greater hitting power. On tanks this doesn't mean a lot, since maneuverability can offset this advantage. But when field artillery units attempt to slug it out, it's another matter.

Their 88 mm. gun is also an excellent special purpose weapon.

So far, because of the shipping problem, we've had to rely on 37 mm. anti-tank guns. At point-blank range against the sides of a tank they do a creditable job, but they are no match for the enemy's heavier anti-tank guns.

The new German monster tank, the Mark VI, hasn't had sufficient trial to judge it adequately. However, it is known to be far from invulnerable. The problem of transport seems to be the chief difficulty with using heavy equipment in the African theatre and the Nazis, having shorter supply lines, have an advantage.

On the other hand, we do know that our medium tanks—the General Shermans, at any rate—are better armored than the German's. But the 75's on the enemy tanks are better.

## Negro Troops Total 450,000

The War Department announced this week that Negro personnel in the Army, enlisted and commissioned, now totals more than 450,000, serving in every arm and branch of the service.

Of that number, more than 60,000 are serving outside the continental United States with other American forces. In the Far Pacific, there are more than 25,000 Negro soldiers on duty. Approximately 10,000 are stationed in North Africa.

In addition, a completely organized and well-trained Army Air Force Pursuit Squadron composed of Negro personnel will be committed to combat soon.

Negro officers now on duty with troops number nearly 2000. This number is being augmented from time to time as additional Negroes graduate from the various candidate schools.

## Seven Reasons

CAMP STEWART, Ga., Feb. 25—Seven reasons why top kicks get gray have just been assigned to an anti-aircraft unit here.

They are:

Privates: Stephen J. Jendzurski, Joseph F. Kolaniewicz, Leon W. Kozakiewicz, Edward C. Lewandowski, Henry J. Oleniczak, Benjamin J. Przychodzin, and Walter R. Szymczak.

## It's Plenty Hot in Russia



## Ten Commandments For Soldiers Listed

CAMP PHILLIPS, Kans.—"Ten Military Commandments for combat," which will, when adhered to, make Maj. Gen. Harry J. Malone's 94th Infantry Division a veritable terror on the battlefield, were published in the division area today.

The "Commandments" are General Malone's formula for success in combat. They have been posted where all men of the division, now engaged in a heavy training program here, can study and become familiar with the general's doctrine.

Indicative of the goal being attained by the division troops, such thoughts as obey orders, close with and kill your enemy, get physically hard and tough, be skillful with weapons and equipment and "march further and fight better than your enemy," dominate the ten rules.

As set forth to the troops, the commandments are:

1. To understand and obey orders promptly and cheerfully.

2. To develop a strong, tough, hard body.

3. To use with skill and care for my weapons and transportation at all times.

4. To march farther and fight better than my enemies.

5. To close with and kill my opponent and in doing so to use skillfully concealment and cover.

6. To recognize friendly and hostile aircraft and mechanized vehicles so as not to kill my own people and not to be surprised by the enemy.

7. To know gases and how to protect myself and my comrades against them.

8. To construct and use individual shelter.

9. To protect myself and my unit against sabotage, enemy agents, spies and indiscreet persons, by keeping silent on military matters.

10. To place the good of my team above my own.

NORMALLY a soldier eats five and one-half pounds of food a day.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gentlemen:

A recent issue of ARMY TIMES carried a little "plug" concerning collection of Regimental Insignia of Capt. Ray C. Armstrong, Camp Grant, Ill. This of course interested me and I have since exchanged several duplicate insignia with Captain Armstrong who is now on duty at Mayo's Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

There are many collectors throughout the Army but there seems to be no medium through which they can make contact.

Suggestion: Why not establish a "Trader's Corner"—"Insignia Trading Post" or service under some similar heading where information may be found concerning other traders—identification of insignia, their histories, etc.

I believe that such a plan would add additional reader interest to your most interesting and informative paper.

Father and son's collection, a portion of which are shown in enclosed picture represent five years collecting.

They now total nearly 500—very beautiful and the history of each makes a fine story.

We have many duplicates and will exchange with anyone desiring to do so.

Lt. Col. James W. Perkins, A.G.D.  
Adjutant General  
30th Infantry Division  
Camp Blanding, Fla.

ARMY TIMES will be glad to establish a Traders Corner, as suggested by Colonel Perkins. Ideas and suggestions from other collectors are invited. Address: TRADERS CORNER, Army Times, Washington, D. C.—Ed.



JAMES W. PERKINS, Jr.  
His dad suggests a Traders Corner

## BOOKS

By Mary Willis

"THE NAVY WOMAN'S HANDBOOK" by Clella R. Colling; Whitman, N. Y.; \$1.50.

A compilation of information for the Navy wife and mother, "The Navy Woman's Handbook" is a summary of facts pertaining to allotments from salary, insurance, property rights, and military courtesy which will spare Navy women embarrassment, bewilderment and privation. It contains the important steps to be taken for the protection of the wife and family before and after separation.

Mrs. Collins is the author of the sister book to "Navy Woman"—"The Army Woman's Handbook" which is much like its counter-part in giving guidance and advice to the service wife confronted with financial and legal problems.

# One Doc Per 1000 Troops in U.S. Army

**Axix Averages Only About One-Third This Number**

American troops, whether at home or on the front, have nearly three times as many doctors per thousand men as do the troops of the Axis, according to Dr. Emerson Crosby Kelly, associate professor of surgery at Albany Medical College.

All medical facilities are being mobilized for the benefit of the men in service, Dr. Kelly told the General Electric Science Forum in Schenectady.

Present plans are to provide one doctor for every 1,500 civilians in the United States. England has one doctor for every 2,700 persons. But our armed forces, Dr. Kelly said, have about eight doctors per 1000 men. The Axis, according to best available information, has only three doctors per 1000 men.

Dr. Kelly emphasized the fact that the Army Medical Department is fully aware of the importance of early treatment for the wounded. It will be recalled that the Russian Medical Corps recently attributed much of its success to the use of field nurses and orderlies who bring the wounded back while the battle is still in progress, thus making certain that the treatment is given at the earliest possible moment.

Army medical executives have developed plans of equal comprehensiveness for the handling of the American wounded.

Because of the importance of early treatment, every soldier going into battle is supplied with field dressings and an envelope containing one of

the sulfa-lamide drugs in both powder and pill form.

His instructions are to dust the wound and otherwise dress it as best he can and to take the tablets. Meanwhile, first aid men endeavor to reach him at the earliest possible moment to render whatever aid can be given him in the field and to get him back to a medical station.

These first aid men, Dr. Kelly points out, apply dressings and bandages while under fire, give morphine injections if the wound is painful and do whatever else can be done at the moment.

Army stretcher-bearers, Dr. Kelly continued, are trained in the best method of handling and moving men suffering from various kinds of wounds. As quickly as possible the wounded man is moved back to an aid post. Here a casualty card is attached to his person, showing the general nature of the wound and the time of the occurrence.

From the aid post, where medical men are present to deal with emergencies, the wounded man goes by stretcher or ambulance to the clearing post or classification station. Here shock is treated with injections of blood plasma and other emergencies.

The more seriously injured go immediately to a nearby hospital, often a mobile field hospital for immediate operative treatment. This hospital is close enough to get a wounded man to it within five hours after he has been injured.

Less serious cases are sent to a second hospital farther to the rear.

## 2nd Army Maneuvers Scheduled April 26

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Maneuvers of Second Army, beginning April 26, will stress the slogan of Gen. Ben Lear's troops—"Fit to Fight."

The first maneuver period, running through the month of May, will put into practice the Ranger training instituted in Second Army and be generally geared to test the physical condition of the troops to combat hardships.

A second period will follow the first maneuver period after a brief interlude. The Central Tennessee maneuver area this year is approximately the territory where 1942 Second Army maneuvers were held.

There will be several distinct differences in the 1943 maneuvers as compared with the 1942 field training periods. Opposing "Blue" and "Red" forces will not know the size or comparison of forces opposing them until the move into position for their "attack" or "defense" missions.

Their intelligence units have to find the "enemy" just as is done in actual theaters on operations. Staffs and commanders will have to handle their troop movements, supply problems and tactical moves with greater realism than heretofore.

Even the reporters and photographers covering the warfare training will operate in closer approximation to wartime conditions. They will require credentials, and those actually in the field with troops over extended periods will wear the regulation correspondents uniform.

General Lear, Second Army Commander, is the maneuver director, and has a special staff perfecting the tests of training efficiently which are to be stressed.

Army planes and elements of the Armed Force will participate in the exercises, and night movements will be stressed.

Much of the simulated warfare will be in the vicinity of Stones River, near Murfreesboro, where, more than 80 years ago, the Federal Army of the Cumberland and the Army of Tennessee clashed in one of the

sanguinary battles of the War Between the States. It is quite likely that many of the Second Army soldiers participating in the mock warfare will be sons, or grandsons of the men in Blue or Gray who fought over the same ground in that war.

making his customary 100-hour inspection of the turnbuckles on the control cables of a BT-13 Vultee

This particular day was hot and as he worked over his tedious job in the tail section of the trainer, he mulled over various ideas for an appliance that would eliminate this adjustment.

He knew that 100 hours from the time he completed the job it would have to be done again. He reasoned that if permanent device could be designed to eliminate this periodic check, thousands of hours of valuable time could be saved by mechanics on the fighting fronts and at flying schools in the United States.

Keeping turnbuckles tight is vast-

ly important because when they become loose a slack develops in the control cables thereby creating a hazard in the operation of the aircraft. Such a hazard can bring quick disaster to the plane and its crew.

When he had finished his adjustment job, the mechanic went to the engineering office. Two hours later he had completed a rough drawing—a spring steel lock plate and fastener pin which turned the cable—loosening forces against each other, holding the turnbuckle permanently in place.

Now under consideration, Sergeant Billett's gadget if accepted by the Air Forces, will be another milestone in the battle to overcome time in the maintenance of aircraft.

## OC's Have Special Gremlins

CAMP BARRETT, Tex.—Although much has been put into print concerning Gremlins, most people have never heard of the Co. D, Medical Administrative Corps Officer Candidate School pixies. They're murder.

The Co. D Gremlin is a tiny fellow, about 16 inches high, wears

### Flagpole Honors 13th Armored

CAMP BEALE, Calif.—Commemorating the activation of the 13th Armored Division, a flagpole and plaque were dedicated by members of the four-month-old division on Washington's Birthday.

More than 150 distinguished guests from nearby cities attended the ceremonies and heard Maj. Gen. John B. Wogan, commanding general, warn that victory cannot be purchased at bargain prices.

Just before calling on Brig. Gen. L. C. Jaynes, who was in charge of the construction and erection of the flagpole, to unveil the plaque, General Wogan said:

"In dedicating this monument, we also dedicate ourselves, our lives and our sacred honor to the task which lies before us, to the end that victory shall be ours."

IN RECENT YEARS of the 35 top West Point graduates permitted to choose their branch of the service, an average of 25 have picked the Engineers.

OD's and field jacket with name plate and haircut to match. His military bearing is nothing short of perfection. He subsists entirely on candidates' discomfits. He doesn't like them and takes extreme pleasure in aggravating them "de la colossal."

The elfin nasty man includes in his devilishly delightful pranks, the practice of unbuttoning clothes just before inspection. He scatters dust on foot lockers and shelves; this excites the candidates so much they often neglect straightening their books and shoes. These oversights, of course, result in demerits.

This really "kills" the Gremlin. He just doubles up with laughter.

These fantastic half-world creatures enjoy resorting to a favorite trick. Near the end of long hikes, they perch on top of the candidates' full field packs. There they sit, grinning wickedly at the candidates as the weary marching goes on. That isn't all. At drill, when everyone is executing movements smartly with Fred Astaire precision, the diabolical midgets single out a hapless victim and order him "by the right flank" when the whole world knows the platoon leader clearly shouted "to the rear."

Long and sorrowful are the tales of the candidates who have read unasked-for situations into exam problems. Now, at last, the fine hand of

the devilish little fellows can easily be seen. How they must howl!

Frequently, candidates, losing patience with the little men, speak harshly to them; this definitely constitutes a mistake in judgment. Because the chief Gremlin then summons his gang—and Brother! that's all!

# LONGHORN LAMPOON

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—Detroit's first man to volunteer in the United States World War II Army is 24-year-old 2nd Lt. John D. Vensel, stationed here as acting personnel officer of the 143rd Infantry Regiment. Since that day—Nov. 8, 1940—he has risen from the ranks as an enlisted man to a commissioned officer and served the Army travelling through 30 different States.

### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

When T/S Andre P. Laguerre, division finance clerk, was born in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in 1916, his mother was so near to the World War I battle front she could hear cannons roar. "La Guerre" of course is French for "the war." . . . Doing the "Heil! Heil! Right in der Fuehrer's Face" in fine Nut-si manner is a real Heilmann. Cpl. Erwin Heilmann of 36th Recon. Troops. A basso profundo soloist of the division show, "The Khaki Parade," he goose-steps out on the stage wearing a chestful of large cardboard medals, a swastika brassard on his arm.

### \$2000 VIUILLAUME

Pfc. Jimmy Hatzl, 142nd Infantry bandsman, owns a \$2000 French violin which was made in 1795 by Vuillaume in Paris, France. Hatzl played with this instrument in the Dixieland strings section of Paul White's orchestra.

### ERSATZ DRUNK

Possibly the only soldier who can behave in a drunken manner in public and get by with it is Pvt. Daniel J. Seaton, 636th Tank Destroyers. Red-nosed Dan just inhales deeply, draws himself up to his full height, and then slouches down into his characterization of the drunk. No alcoholic spirits are necessary.

His public showings are part of his unit's "Tanks To You" show, after which the cast gets together and listens to Dan tell about his clowning days with Hagenback & Wallace and Ringling Brothers circuses.

### Trunk Turns Up Again After 2 Year Jaunt

CAMP DAVIS, N. C.—An anti-aircraft artillery officer stationed here is inclined to regard his steamer trunk with a quizzical gaze. The trunk, some two years ago, was consigned by him to a Pacific Northwest port from his California home. From the port he saw the trunk aboard a transport for Alaska. That was the last he saw of it until a couple of days ago.

It arrived here with labels indicating it had been to Alaska and back to the mainland, to the Philippines and back to the mainland, and various way stations. Most of the officers belongings had since become missing from the trunk. Also gone was a bottle of choice liquor, packed against the proverbial time of illness.

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### Hymn for 12th Armored Introduced at Campbell

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—The 12th Armored Division hymn, sung by a chorus from the 43rd Armored Regiment Band, was given its first public performance anywhere at a concert presented by the 43rd AR musical unit and several individual entertainers at Service Club No. 2 here.

Composer of the hymn is Francesco Di Leo, Pittsburgh band leader, and father of M/Sgt. Vincent Di Leo, leader of the 43rd AR Band.

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# Home on the Range

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## How to Stay Warm Despite a GI Stove

By PVT. EUGENE RACHLIS

Camp Blanding, Fla.

Sketches By PVT. WALTER BROOKS

Without revealing the shadow of military information, it can be safely estimated that in the next 24 hours 401,874 rookies will ask a half-frozen sergeant what is the significance of those little metal boxes standing in the middle of their huts. Another 281,453 will have tried to use them as foot lockers; 104,621 will have thought them refrigerators; 506,794 will have used them for wastebaskets and an intelligent minority will have looked at them with the vacant stare rookies often get and decide they look like stoves, they are stoves, ipso facto, they must give heat.

To which, let us solemnly add —

Q. E. D.

It is to this latter few, then, that this treatise is addressed. Before their hair and face gets as black as a commando's, before they are smoked out of their huts, before flying sparks ignite their clothing and bedding, let these words save them many of the woes that beset he who would stay warm.

## 1. Reconnaissance.

Study your objective carefully. No angle is too minute that it should escape your most careful scrutiny. You will note that the stove is an ugly, fat squat object pinned to a lime base by a rusty, old pipe. The lime base is completely covered with cigarette butts, ashes, candy wrappers, yesterday's paper and orange peels. You will find that these in no way hinder the construction of a roaring blaze, for it is quite obvious that the stove was meant to burn. Why else would so many people express a fervent desire to see it in a place where there is nothing but fire?

## 2. The Attack.

Never, never, never sneak up on the stove. This, let us add, is an all too common mistake. It may be compared with the Germans at Stalingrad. You will lose. The best method of approach is a direct attack armed with the following:

- a) 50 books of matches or a cigarette lighter loaded with fuel.
- b) 10 copies of last Sunday's paper or 23 well-worn comic books.
- c) Six armfuls of wood (which can be obtained readily by hacking at a suitable corner of the mess hall.)
- d) a half ton of coal.
- e) a gas mask.

## 3. The Battle.

With a single motion, remove the



What the well dressed smoke eater will wear.

Pvt. Walter Brooks.

stove lid (or open the stove door, depending on the type of burner used.) Some GI stove experts have come out recently in favor of the gentle removal of the lid but experience has shown that gentleness in dealings with stoves, as with women, is not only foolhardy, it may quite often be catastrophic. Next, crumple up half your supply of Sunday papers or comic books — Superman has been found to give excellent results—and apply the torch. As soon as this is done, the hut should be cleared of all clothing and human inhabitants.

Return in five minutes. If the fire takes, and don't be discouraged if it doesn't, you are ready for the next step.

## 4. Tactical Retreat.

Wood and coal is then inserted into the stove in alternate levels until sufficient smoke makes a gas mask mandatory. The smoke will continue for hours. It is at this point that many amateurs become encouraged by recalling the platitude: "Where there's smoke, there's fire." The guy who first said that never worked on a GI stove, bub.

It is at this stage of the game, if you want to call it a game, that many a rookie becomes quite discouraged. In this case a retreat is in order, but advisable at the last minute only. When your clothes are saturated with soot and you can no longer see out of the gas mask, then, and only then is a retreat permissible. But, brother, retreat like hell.

## 5. Victory or Defeat Through Air Power.

The roof of your hut is the final step in defeating the stove's recalcitrance. A ladder will not be near your hut, of course, but torn OD's won't stop you now in your determination to get a fire started. Clamber to the chimney top and gently remove the spark arrester. This will add 24 pounds of soot to your complexion. Insert a broom handle into the pipe's opening and shake as if you were shooting craps. If the stove lid is removed or the stove door left open an even distribution of soot throughout the entire hut is guaranteed.

As gently as you removed it, place the spark arrester back on the pipe, jump off the roof and run for the nearest latrine.

It's always warm there.



"The guy who said, 'Where there's smoke there's fire,' never worked on a GI stove . . ."

Pvt. Walter Brooks.

## Pushups Are Cinch for Ex-Acrobat

CAMP PICKETT, Va.—Army calisthenics are easy for Pvt. Nicholas Immediato, a trainee in the 12th Battalion at the Medical Replacement Training Center here.

And doing an acrobatic and jitterbug act during one of the center's popular "Shows of the Week" is equally easy for Private Immediato, for it's not new to him and his sol-

diers who see his act here each week can tell that he knows his stuff, and they clamor for more.

You see, 20-year-old Nicholas Immediato, prior to his induction, was a member of the acrobatic team of Allen, Burns and Colby (Nicholas was Colby, his brothers were Allen and Burns) and as such they appeared on many vaudeville circuits

throughout the country. Immediato likes to think back to the four weeks they had at the Paramount Theater in New York with orchestra leader Tomy Dorsey, and their later appearance there with Woody Herman for seven weeks.

Immediato has been dancing ever since he was 10, although his older brother started teaching him acrobatics at the age of five. In elementary school and in junior high school back in Bloomington, Del., he was captain of the tumbling teams.

He and his brothers practiced their act together at home for a long time before they ventured to New York to try their luck in vaudeville. They finally went, however, saw an agent who was willing to make a gamble on their act, and soon the team of Allen, Burns and Colby had more engagements than they could fill.

As a team they were in "Priorities of 1942" in New York, a job. Immediato says, he held until the Army took up its priority on him. Another brother of the team is now in the Air Corps, while the third brother is married.

try near Kingsville, Tex., lassoed and brought the deer to shore with a tow rope from a jeep.

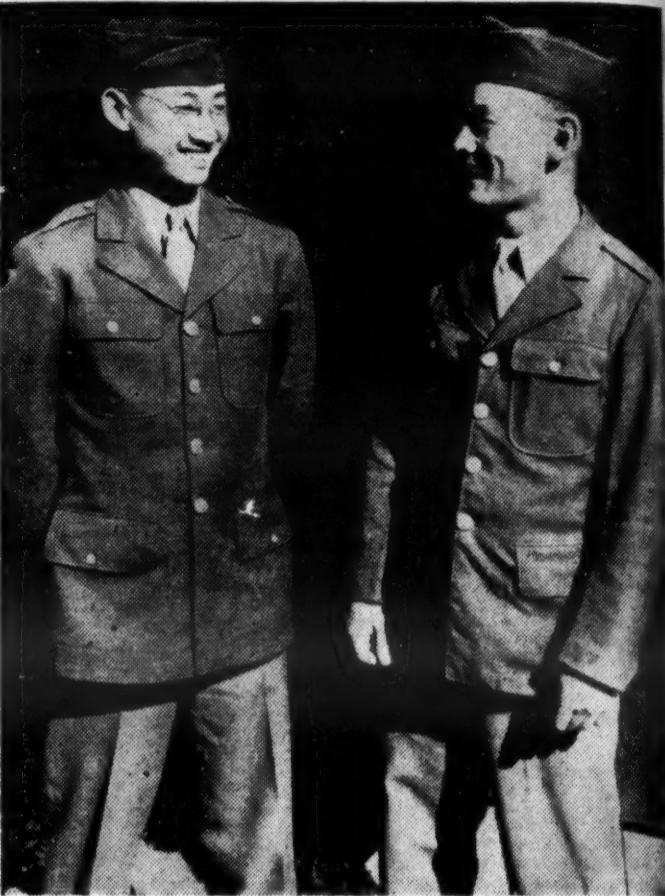
S/Sgts. James Shirley and Harry Holcombe and Pvt. L. F. Dickey applied artificial respiration to the deer which had ceased breathing.

After considerable effort, a flicker of life was revived in the animal.

But ten minutes later, despite all the skill and ingenuity of the infantrymen, the deer died.

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FIRST JAPANESE to become a graduate of the Medical Administrative Corps Officer Candidate School, Camp Barkeley, Tex., Fred Ineo Kosaka, 26, right, gets together with the only Chinese representative in the class, Harry Yen Kow Chan, 23, left, for a round of congratulations. The two are second lieutenants, entered officer training from the same Medical Training Battalion, 60th, were in the same OCS company.

## Hearty Helpings Feature 'Picnics' at Campbell

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Men of the various regiments and battalions of the Second Army are "eating out," and they really like it! This is the opinion of Lt. Joseph V. Myers, administrative officer, Company D, and Cpl. Lewis G. Watts, of the Headquarters Service Company, 365th Engineers General Service Regiment.

For the past month, the men have been eating many of their meals on field ranges, while not on bivouac.

Very little grumbling is heard, according to Lieutenant Myers, even though quite a bit of trouble is experienced when the wind blows out the gas flame.

The soldiers wash their own utensils during these times and are responsible for seeing that they are always ready for inspection.

"I think they do eat more," stated Lieutenant Myers, "because they come back for second and third helpings."

According to Corporal Watts, the food seems to taste better outside "with the fresh air and that sort of thing."

### Croft Capers

CAMP CROFT, S. C.—An All-Soldier cast from this post is billed in a stage show in connection with a benefit theater performance in Spartanburg, S. C., in interest of the city's "Buy a Bomber" drive . . . Establishment of a branch office of the Commercial National Bank of Spartanburg at Croft's finance office was announced here by Lt. Col. Otis Purvis, camp finance officer . . . Over 230 men aged 38 and over were discharged here.

SPORTS NOTES — Clayton Heafner, ranked among the nation's top five golf pros, is a new private performing duties in the camp's recruiting and induction station . . . Ernie White, St. Louis Cardinal pitcher, was host to Crofters at a birthday party in city's main USO center. The event was arranged by the Cardinal star for soldiers whose birthdays fell this month . . . The 34th training battalion here took first round honors in the Spartanburg City Cage league in which 11 of the 12 competing teams are Croft outfits.

Background material for Theodore Pratt's new book, "Mr. Winkle Goes to War," described as the fictional, "See Here, Private Hargrove," was gathered last summer by the author on visit to Camp Croft.

NUMBER OF SECRET newspapers circulated in Occupied Belgium has increased from 78 in 1941 to 132 in 1942. Total circulation is 500,000.

Corporal Watts further was of the opinion that men on bivouac eat twice as much as enlisted men stationed in camp.

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## Armored Troops in Africa Fought Well, General Oliver Reports

CAMP POLK, La.—Maj. Gen. Lunsford E. Oliver, armored force commander who led the first American tankers against the enemy in North Africa, gave members of the 11th Armored Division here first-hand information about armored units in actual battle.

Commanding a combat command of the 1st Armored Division, General Oliver's first mission was the capture of Oran during the historic landing operations in North Africa in November. How this was accomplished and an account of action experienced by his command during operations in the Bizerte-Tunis area was the basis of the general's talk here.

### Bested Nazis

"We killed and captured more of them than they did of us," said General Oliver, emphasizing the belief that American operations in North Africa were successful.

"We found that the German soldiers are not supermen. In fact, you are better-trained and better equipped," he told the 11th Armored Division, "and when you've gained a little battle experience, you will beat the Germans every time."

"Don't over-estimate the German but don't under-estimate him either," the general continued. "You have a natural ingenuity the German lacks but he is well-trained and can't be overrun."

Indicating that anything can happen on the battlefield, General Oliver told his audience of one incident where a tank commander came across 57 Germans in a hollow on Tunisia's rough terrain. Training his tank's guns on the group, the American soldier began firing.

### Brought 'Em Home

Seeing the Germans quickly throw up their arms in surrender, the American indicated the general direction of his home base and proudly herded his captives into camp.

Repeating the stories coming from the North African theater, General Oliver recalled the complete lack of Allied air support during their operations in the Tunis area. The Germans never attacked before late in the morning, preferring to wait until their numerically superior air units could make a thorough reconnaissance, an advantage never afforded the Americans.

Marksmanship should be stressed in all training, said General Oliver. "For every bullet that I might be given, I would choose to use four in target practice and one in combat. We must learn to make our first shot count."

Another phase of battle on which General Oliver cautioned soldiers of the 11th Division was the importance of hasty field fortifications. Foxholes and slit trenches especially, he said, offer splendid protection against dive bombers and strafing planes. He cited one example where a soldier had remained in a foxhole while a bomb dropped so close that the bomb crater extended into the foxhole. The soldier suffered burst eardrums, nothing else.

### Morale High

American morale was always high. General Oliver told how, during a driving downpour on Christmas Day, he had gone about wishing his soldiers a Merry Christmas. "I hardly expected," he said, "to be greeted with any enthusiasm." Instead the soldiers received him with smiles, saying, "General we want is another crack at them. We'll show them."

Turning from the grim discussion of battlefield experiences, General Oliver gave his listeners a brief description of life in the North African theater. "It is not a desert," he told them, "but similar to the terrain in New Mexico and Arizona. There is a rainy season from the first of December to about the first of March. This moisture, absorbed and retained by the ground, helps in raising of good crops. We found wheat, tangerines and oranges. There are also numerous olive groves, and farmers find good pastures for their sheep."

The general lent a humorous air to his discussion of North African life by citing experiences with the Arabs.

### Wow!

FORT DEVENS, Mass.—He'll never be the same again. Pvt. Michael J. (Red) Hanrahan, assistant manager of Theatre No. 6, was called on to take part in a stage show with Marion Martin and Albert Dekker last week, and was kissed eight times during the evening's two shows by the glamorous screen actress. All he could say was "the last one floored me."

**INVENTED THIS YEAR** were caterpillar-type treads for airplane landing gear.

A primitive people, they are willing to trade their food and poultry for clothes rather than money. American soldiers, however, are forbidden to part with their clothing. Consequently, American ingenuity met the Arab needs to the satisfaction of all concerned. "Once," said General Oliver, "I saw an Arab walking the city streets, proudly clad in a suit of

American winter underwear and nothing else.

"Another time I saw another dressed in nothing but a barracks bag. He had cut holes in the bottom for his legs, and drawn the rope tight at the top around his waist. Painted behind him, he had left the rank and insignia of one of our engineers."



**HARRIED SOUL** in the center of the above photo is Cpl. Henry Biedinger, director of the forthcoming all-soldier musical revue, "On the Double!" second venture in show business at Camp Wolters, Tex. With Wolters soldiers doing all the writing, composing, acting and producing, the show is due for its first performance in about a month. Tossing a dozen ideas at Biedinger simultaneously are Pfc. Monte Hart, Pvt. Charley Green, Cpl. Jimmy Breslin, Cpl. Ben Amar and Tech. Sgt. Matt Early. All are playing a prominent part in whipping the big musical into shape.

### Jeep or Peep?

## You'd Better Make Sure

FORT KNOX, Ky.—Back in the hills of old Kentucky the Hatfields and the Coys used to do all the "feudin'," but those days were mild compared to the present-day goings-on around the hills of Fort Knox, home of the Armored Force.

The atmosphere has been comparatively quiet the past few days, however, due to the fact that no visiting infantryman or cavalryman has made the mistake of calling the "peep" a "jeep"—them's fightin' words to an Armorader.

When a fellow in the hospital who was pretty well battered up, and whose face looked like it had been parked on by an M-4 tank, said, "I know the difference now. The big one is the jeep and the little one is the peep," everyone knew what had happened.

That fellow learned the hard way—here's an easier way of telling the difference and why. The bantam or "Peep" weighs 2,800 pounds and is a modification of the Howie carrier, de-

signed by Colonel Howie, now an armored force officer. The first carrier, made by Colonel Howie at Fort Benning in 1935 carried two men in prone position and mounted a 37-mm gun. In 1937 he altered its design

### Into Every Life--

FORT BENNING, Ga.—Sgt Phil Lagerblom of Division Headquarters Company, 10th Armored Division, was happy last Thursday—his girl friend had just been chosen queen of the division.

Sergeant Lagerblom was somewhat less happy Sunday night—his girl friend went back to her job as a nurse in Wells County hospital at Bluffton, Ind.

Sergeant Lagerblom was sad Monday morning—he's in the hospital here with the measles—and a GI nurse, if any at all.

in order to carry equipment as well as the men—the gun could be hitched on at the rear.

The first peeps built for the Army—70 of them—were turned out at Butler, Pa., in 1940. The nickname "Peep" comes from the sound of a bantam chick.

The "Jeep," on the other hand, is much heavier (5,950 pounds), and is officially called the command and reconnaissance car. It was dubbed a jeep while on maneuvers due to the fact that the umpires rode these cars and they were supposed to know everything—all the same as the jeep in "Popeye."

Wherever the armored force is serving, whether it be "somewhere in Africa," "somewhere in the South Pacific," or "somewhere at Fort Knox," there's always some guy who'll say, "If the outfit that make 'em call 'em jeeps, they can't be peeps." You may be able to tell that one to the Marines, but don't try to tell it to the armored force!



The Guy who used to be head waiter at the Green Gables

—Cpl. Pat Murphy, Camp Livingston, La.

## Yanks Also Have 60-Ton Tanks

German Mark VI Isn't Only Monster Available But Size Limits Use

The United States has a 60-ton tank which it could use if military experts believed something similar is needed to combat the new German Mark VI

tank, a 57-tonner, now used in Africa. Little has been said about production of the 60-ton tank since it first came out a year ago and nothing has been published about employing it in combat areas.

One drawback to using it abroad is difficulty in unloading it from cargo vessels. But the Germans must be having the same difficulties with their Mark VI.

### Mark Vulnerable

Reports from Africa indicate that the Mark VI, armed with an 88-mm. gun and with seven inches of armor in front, has taken head-on shots from Allied mobile weapons without perceptible effect. However, a direct hit on the turret will disable it, and it is said to be more vulnerable to flanking fire on its tracks and less heavily armored sides than some of the smaller tanks.

Americans have several weapons in play against it, including the brand new M-10 tank destroyer, the M-105-mm. howitzer mounted on a medium tank chassis, the mounted 90-mm. anti-aircraft gun which can be depressed and used as anti-tank artillery, and the M-3 and M-4 medium tanks armed with 76-mm. guns.

### Demountable Armor

Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, commanding general of the armored forces who just returned from Africa, revealed details of the M-10 for the first time a few days ago. It is a three-inch high-velocity rifle mounted on an M-4 chassis. Armor on the sides and turret is demountable. Mobility is the prime aim, the armor can be removed. The M-7 105-mm. howitzer is also new, but it has been tried and found highly valuable.

While the Mark VI appears a very dangerous adversary, its very weight renders it less mobile. It is too big to be handled by ships gear, and it would crush many culverts and bridges that would carry medium tanks such as the M-3 and M-4, weighing 29 or 30 tons. Its weight would prevent it from being landed except with first-class port facilities.

### How Many in Africa?

Thus there may not be enough Mark VI's in Africa to constitute a major threat, even though they live up to the Germans' hopes.

In weighing the danger they represent, it is recalled here that the 88-mm. German gun, usable as either an anti-aircraft gun or artillery, caused a wave of alarm which was thoroughly discounted later. Thus the tendency here is to avoid getting jumpy about the new German tank until more is known about it.

## Wheeler Whirl

### By Pvt. Dick Tracey

CAMP WHEELER, Ga.—The old wheel at Camp Wheeler has not been doing much whirling the past week and things have been pretty quiet. However, the Spokes Wheeler's crack basketball quintet has kept up its winning ways by notching two more victories to its record. First victim was Robins Field by a 47 to 30 score while the second triumph settled a bitter dispute with nearby Cochran Field as the Spokes gained a 41 to 39 decision to make it two out of three with the Flyers.

With the triumph over Cochran Field, the 18th for the Infantrymen in 21 starts, came the loss of the Spokes' star performer, Cpl. Carl Ott, who has coached and captained the team to its fine record. Ott, former Ohio U performer, has tallied 27 points in 19 tilts for the Wheelermen. He has been transferred from Camp Wheeler to Fort Benning, Ga., where he will enter Officers Candidate School.

Proof that the obstacle course is one drill area here at Camp Wheeler is tough, can be secured from Public Relations Officer Lt. Harry Blake. Lieutenant Blake while out with his photographer making a series of pictures of the course with men in action, suffered a sprained ankle, which had him hobbling for some time.

Omitted from the list of famous personages residing in barracks number two of Hq. and Hq. Co., IRTC Camp Wheeler, when it was printed recently was one Ralph Waldo Emerson.

ARMY HELMETS are of non-magnetic steel and don't affect compasses.

## Wash Tub Blues

# Every Day Is Wash Day In Army Laundry

FORT KNOX, Ky.—Do you remember how Mom used to worry about that Monday wash?

If it'll make you feel any better, consider the case of Capt. Alfred G. Dowding. He's the laundry officer at Fort Knox, and it's his headache to see that (censored numbers of) Armored Force soldiers at the post have clean clothes.

The number of soldiers at the post may be a secret, but the amount of work done by Captain Dowding's laundry isn't. It does more work, by far, than any other Army laundry in the entire country. It might even be safe to say that it does the biggest job of any government laundry in the world.

### 40 Million Pieces

Some 40 million pieces of laundry are washed there every year. The bedsheet and pillow cases laundered at Fort Knox in just one month's time would reach from New York to Kansas City. Enough soap is used in a year to fill a fleet of 78 one-ton trucks. That soap provides the suds in some 118,000,000 gallons of water—and the water is heated by more than 10,000 tons of coal.

The laundry has about \$300,000 worth of the best, most modern equipment, manned by 800 employees, 600 working on enlisted men's laundry and 200 on officers' and hospital laundry. Most of the employees are women, some of whom come to work daily from homes as far as 70 miles away.

Another statistic or two: In one month, the laundry did 140,952 bundles of enlisted men's clothes and 9,654 bundles of officers' and hospital clothing. In the enlisted men's branch alone, the laundry included 49,925 shirts, 927,850 pieces of flatwork, 266,294 handkerchiefs and more than a quarter-million pairs of socks. Total of articles laundered that month was 2,930,408—and, remem-

ber, officers' and hospital items are not included in that total.

### Three-Day Service

The men get three-day service on their laundry. They can hand in their bundle of dirty clothes at their company on a Tuesday morning and get it back, smartly laundered, Thursday night. Or, if a company is showing off on short notice, as has happened, their laundry can be done in just one day if necessary.

Modern methods accompany modern equipment at the laundry. The laundry workers, like the soldiers whose clothes they keep clean, get an occasional "ten-minute break". Captain Dowding said the short recesses give the workers more pep and energy, and a similar effect is gained by music piped into the plant through a public address system.

Sometimes the music comes from records, sometimes from the radio. Captain Dowding didn't say whether the laundry workers were permitted to listen to "soap operas".



The shirt pressing section. That's a sleeve pressing machine in the center. The women work in pairs and a good team can press from 32 to 46 shirts an hour.



Here's where GI pants get that crease



These are sock ironers which dry and iron socks at the same time. They are typical of the modern equipment worth \$300,000. Her name is Helen.

## Monroe Salvos

FORT MONROE, Va.—It seems that the memory of a company clerk exceeds events that of the proverbial elephant. M/Sgt. David E. Ling of the Chesapeake Bay Sector, said that in his salad days as a company clerk he could remember the names, serial numbers, home towns and dates of enlistment of 110 men. One day, without warning, a friend who had been a fellow-worker as company clerk dropped in on him quite by accident. They had not seen each other in nearly two years, but Ling's friend recited, unhesitatingly: "Ling, David E., 6941014, Vintondale, Pa., Dec. 29, 1937." Ling, without batting an eyelash, replied evenly: "Hildebrand, David J., 68950442, Grindstone, Pa., Nov. 9, 1939."

Two things of undoubted importance happened the other day to Pvt. Murray A. Stoller, former Virginia lawyer now turned public relations editor-writer. The first was that he became a father, and hurried home so breathless. No one could learn whether it was a boy or a girl. Two days later, long before he could have stopped fluttering, DEML promoted him from private to sergeant. The staff doesn't know what to expect when he returns.

The story got around that the new type of chinaware and glassware the Army is using is unbreakable, and as a consequence it got a little "unnecessarily rough handling," causing some breakage—so much so that officials put on a warning that the crockery must be handled with the same care as ordinary chinaware and glassware. Just for the record, the new type is of considerably more durability, but not unbreakable!

**RECOMMENDED**  
Brig. Gen. Rollin L. Tilton, in a training bulletin to the men under his command, endorses a recent article in the Infantry Journal which declares that "In recent months there has been too much emphasis, too many books on Judo and other forms of barehanded, unarmed defense. Rather strange doings in a country producing the finest, most deadly weapons known to man." The article is written by Lt. Col. John Grombach.

**MORE THAN TWICE** as many lives were lost in Great Britain last year from automobile accidents than from German air raids.

## British Flyers Marvel at American Camp, But Like Peep Ride Best of All

By Pfc. William Toffey

CAMP COOKE, Calif.—Three young Royal Air Force flyers, on an 18-day furlough from their Canadian training bases, paid their first visit to an American Army station this week when they were shown around Camp Cooke.

The trio, two of whom were evacuated from France when the Germans invaded that country, got their biggest thrills here in a cross-country peep ride. The peep, they asserted, is rougher and more exciting than an airplane.

### Army Times Host

The visitors were Leading Aircraftmen Ronnie Smith, of London, and Jim Carus of Blackpool, England, both of the RAF, and Aircraftsman 1st Class Bob Craig of Montreal, who is in the RCAF.

Smith, formerly of the RAF ground crew, was among those who escaped the German invasion at the historic Dunkirk evacuation, while Craig escaped "by the skin of his teeth" from Abberville, France.

The fliers, on their way back to Canada after a visit to Los Angeles, were brought to Camp Cooke by Mr. Tom Streit, Army Times representative, after they had expressed an interest in seeing an American camp.

Here, two "Victory Division" enlisted men took over the job of entertaining the visitors, and through-

out the trip the airmen expressed surprise at the excellence of the recreational facilities provided for the American soldiers.

### Nothing Like It

There is nothing at their base like Service Club No. 1, they said after being shown around the club. They thought that Theater No. 1 was huge, and enjoyed the buttered popcorn which they got "on the house" from a theater attendant.

At the post exchange they found prices unusually low. The 13 cents for a package of cigarettes is a lot lower than the 30 cents they pay in Canada. Haircuts are more costly here, however. At their base, they said, they pay only a nickel to have their hair clipped.

The visitors dined at "Super-Servi-

ce Co." mess hall, and thought the meal was wonderful. Full sugar bowls surprised the men, who are allowed only one teaspoonful of sugar a day. Visits to the sports arena and the American Red Cross rooms at the station hospital, where they were re-

ceived by Mrs. Storey, were other features of the trip.

Finally, while they were waiting to leave, the Royal Air Force men were entertained with juke box selections at the "Victory Division" special services office. They loved swing and jive, they explained, and selected the hottest tunes on the record list.

### Amazed at Hospitality

Throughout their trip, the young fliers were amazed at the hospitality of Americans. They went to the Hollywood Canteen, where Carus danced with Heather Angel. At the Florentine Gardens, Smith was called on to dance with the chorus. Meanwhile, Craig had been busy collecting autographs, and exhibited his prize, the signature of Hedy Lamarr.

The three were allowed to take only \$25 each out of Canada, but they agreed that they had had the time of their lives on the trip. Now they are looking forward to going back to England shortly, and to returning to the fight.

### STARS ENTERTAIN SOLDIERS

A galaxy of Hollywood entertainers headed by John Scott Trotter's 23-piece band, assisted by 35 artists from Broadway and movies, will stage a gala "Clambake Follies" in the Sports Arena on March 7. It was announced by Pvt. John Bushallow, former movie dance director and associate of the Bing Crosby theatrical interests.

### FIRST AID CONSCIOUS

With the object of providing every soldier with the fundamentals of Red Cross first aid training, classes are being conducted weekly for soldiers here by staff teachers. Upon successful completion, servicemen are awarded certificates.

### YANK TALKS JAP LINGO

When Pvt. Richard E. Bailey, trainee in Btry. A. 52nd F. A. Tng. Bn., lands with his buddies in Tokyo, he'll know his way around the bomb-shattered town. Prior to his induction, he was an associate director of the Tulelake, Calif., project of the War Relocation Authority, in charge of 525 Japanese as an agricultural aide and picked up the language, description of the capital city and customs of the little back-stabbers.

### A BORING JOB?

S/Sgt. Frank "French" Costes, Hdq. Det. SCU, small arms mechanic with an Ordnance unit stationed here has, in two years, personally inspected every 1903 model Springfield rifle in camp for broken, missing or worn-out parts. "It's still the best piece in the world," he says.

## AGF: The Week's News of the Army Ground Forces Straight from Headquarters in Washington

### WAACs Get Fifth Training Center

Plans for the opening of a fifth training center for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps were announced by the War Department. The new center will have its headquarters and one section at Ruston, La. The other two sections will be located at Camp Polk, La., and Monticello, Ark.

The WAAC, in keeping with the policy of the Army to make use of existing facilities rather than use critical materials for building, is locating this training center at the sites of three government-owned properties now being used as Army camps. Col. John A. Hoag, FA, who has been commandant of the First WAAC Training Center at Fort Des Moines, Ia., will assume the duties of commandant at the new training center.

Col. Frank U. McCoskie, Inf., has been named commandant at Fort Des Moines.

HEADQUARTERS, AGF—Observation of various maneuver problems was made by Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, and a group of officers from Headquarters this week, when they saw troops of the Third Army in action near Leesville, La.

Maneuvers of troops at the Desert Training Center at Indio, Calif., were also witnessed by General McNair and his party.

Rapid discharge from the Army of men over 38 whose commanding officers have approved their return to perform essential war work in civilian life is called for by General McNair in a directive issued to all units of his command this week. In some cases men qualifying for discharge have been sent to Service Commands to have their cases disposed of, General McNair pointed out. The present directive reminds commanding officers of Army Ground Forces units that they have direct authority to discharge men over 38 who are able to fill vital defense jobs.

Elimination of unnecessary paper work is suggested as a means of reducing the requirements for typewriters in Ground Forces agencies by General McNair in his weekly directive. A stagger system under which personnel can use the machines is also recommended as a way to reduce the need for more typewriters.

### AIRBORNE COMMAND

General McNair and high ranking members of his staff recently completed an inspection of the Airborne divisions now undergoing training under the supervision of the Airborne Command.

Brig. Gen. Elbridge G. Chapman, commanding general of the Airborne Command, personally conducted General McNair and his party from Fort Bragg, N. C., on an inspection tour by air over the newly-established airborne training centers at Hoffman, N. C. The group also witnessed training activities of the 82nd Airborne Division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway.

On the second day of the inspection, General McNair observed a field exercise conducted by elements of the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, commanded by Maj. Gen. William C. Lee.

**Second Army**—First Lt. Olen S. Lund, who risked his life to save a soldier from plunging to his death from a 200-foot-high cliff during a Second Army Ranger School class, was presented with a Soldier's Medal by Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, commanding general of the Second Army. The presentation was made at the class graduation, held at Camp Forrest, Tenn.

While descending the cliff during a demonstration last February 8, Pfc. Mathew Kulczak lost his balance and fell over backwards.

"The rope being used by Private Kulczak became engaged on his arm and leg and held him in this precarious position. Lieutenant Lund, without use of rope or other aids, and in utter disregard of his own life and safety, descended to the position of Kulczak and held this soldier from falling until rescue could be effected," the citation read.

# Overseas Veterans Eligible for VFW

## Two Kinds of Membership Available To Soldiers of World War II

By Commander-in-Chief Robert T. Merrill  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

By executive order, dated Nov. 6, 1942, President Roosevelt authorized the issuance of medals for campaign service with armed forces of the United States in the present war.

This executive order confirmed the membership eligibility requirements which have been recognized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States ever since it was founded in 1899. Under this executive order, membership privileges in our order are extended to all who have served outside the continental limits of this country at any time after Dec. 7, 1941.

Under the President's order, these medals are authorized for service in the American, European-African-Middle Eastern, and Asiatic-Pacific areas. The presidential order also directs that the Territory of Alaska shall be considered as outside the continental

limits of the United States. All persons serving with the armed forces who are qualified to make application for the campaign medals described above are eligible for membership in the VFW—the only war veteran organization in the United States which is composed exclusively of overseas veterans.

Many thousands of soldiers, sailors and marines who are serving or have served in the U. S. armed forces round the globe in the present war, have already become members of the VFW. Two types of VFW membership are available to these men. The first is through affiliation with one of the 3600 established posts throughout the United States, in the Territory of Hawaii and the Canal Zone. Of the thousands of men who have obtained this type of membership, many have sent in their applications by mail from distant battle stations in response to correspondence from VFW posts in their home communities. Others are obligated into VFW membership when they return to the United States on furlough, for hospitalization or for transfer to other duties after having participated in campaign medal service in one of the zones of warfare.

The second type of membership available to eligible veterans is the membership-at-large. Such members are affiliated with no one particular local post for the duration of the war. Instead, they are "members-at-large" attached to the national headquarters.

In the war zone areas VFW "field units" are providing a satisfactory substitute for the regular VFW posts. Membership is restricted to the at-large category.

The Cross of Malta emblem of the Veterans of Foreign Wars speaks eloquently of distinctive wartime service in the theaters of operations. It is the insignia of a veteran organization that is non-secretarian in character and patriotic in purpose.

The objects of the VFW are fraternal, patriotic, historical and educational; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain true allegiance of the government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism, to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies whomever.

The first Devens WAAC-soldier marriage took place last week when attractive Verian Cathleen Buchanan, 21, became the bride of 1st Sgt. Henry Fine, 31, of the Engineer Amphibian Command.

FORT DEVENS, Mass.—Under a joint Army-Navy program, hundreds of selective service inductees coming through the reception center here are given the chance of serving in the Naval services rather than the Army.

For the last three weeks, Navy Men, Coast Guardsmen and Marines have been working in full cooperation with Army induction officers to fill the gap caused by the halt of voluntary enlistments into these services.

The cooperation program devised by the Army and Navy has proved of material assistance in simplifying the induction process of both services. In the process of inducting recruits into the Army, those eligible for the Navy are "screened out" and the one process serves both branches. A recruit may indicate his preference for the Navy and if he qualifies mentally and physically, and the daily quota for the Navy has not been filled, he will be assigned to that service.

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As a prelude to the annual drive of the American Red Cross, the field center here released figures last week of the number of soldiers at Devens who received assistance last year from Americans through the Red Cross.

More than 2200 soldiers passing through the fort last year plagued with personal troubles and heartache received aid and more than 3100 were assisted with family problems. Since the Allowance and Allotment Act of 1942, nearly 500 were aided with allotment and insurance problems.

Eighteen hundred dependency discharge investigations were completed, and a number of soldiers who were absent without leave were contacted by local chapters and persuaded to return voluntarily, which in many cases resulted in lighter penalties. In addition, hundreds of sweaters, knitted helmets and scarfs have been distributed to the soldiers needing them.

**SPECIAL**  
Meet Pvt. Kenneth R. Spinney, the only recruit to come through the reception center to receive a complete Army uniform—custom made.

He's a lad of a mere 330 pounds distributed over a 5 ft., 7 in. frame and six men of the Regimental Supply Office had to cut an entire GI issue to meet the measurements of neck, 17 in., chest, 51 in., and waist, 35 in.

### Churches Which Supply Chaplains To Be Cited

Churches, colleges, religious orders and similar organizations which have lost the services of a chaplain in the Army will be eligible to receive certificates stating that fact and signed by the Chief of Chaplains, the War Department announces. The document will contain the name of the church or organization and the name of the chaplain.



MASCOTS of the 13th Armored Division, Camp Beale, Calif., are Dale Hawkins, 11, (left of the two boys) and Joey Hamilton, 10, shown here with Lt. Joseph Carew and Maj. Carl Ernst. The two youngsters wrote Maj. Gen. John B. Wogan nominating themselves and explaining that they'd been thinking of "joining up" for a long time. They added: "We want to serve our country. If you come to get us please come on a Saturday." Armored Raiders did come—and on a Saturday—and they were given certificates of their new jobs. They rode in trucks, tanks and half-tracks, visited the rifle ranges and examined all sorts of weapons and equipment. Their comments were brief. "Gee," said Joey. "Gosh," said Dale.

## 9th Armored Prepares Musical

FORT RILEY, Kans.—The 9th Armored Division Special Service Office is a beehive of activity now that they have begun casting for the new all-division theatrical production produced by and for the men of the division. The original script is now complete and has been named "As You Were."

This three-act musical comedy is different from most Army musical shows in that it is not a revue but rather carries a plot throughout the two-hour performance. It is concerned with the barracks life of men in an Armored Division.

The book of lyrics of the show were written by Cpl. Julian Claman of the Division Special Service Office. Claman, in civilian life, wrote for the stage and radio and was one of

the writers of "The Life of Riley," the Cavalry Replacement Training Center show.

The music for Corporal Claman's lyrics have been supplied by Pvt. Al. Weiner, 52nd Armored Infantry Regiment. Ten songs have been written for the show. Weiner has been a music instructor and is a graduate of the Carnegie Tech School of Music.

Capt. Joseph H. Keller, Special Service officer for the division, has placed Lt. William O. Helton in charge of the production and Lieutenant Helton will put the show into rehearsal as soon as the entire cast is selected. The premier is scheduled tentatively for the end of March.

Lieutenant Helton has sent out a casting call and expects the pick of

the division talent to appear. The recent series of Weekly Variety Shows and unit presentations, which have been held at the Service Club for the past several weeks, has shown the great amount of talent that the division possesses and Lieutenant Helton feels that every part will be cast adequately. Singers, dancers, comedians as well as actors will be needed. The most difficult role to cast will be that of the ingenue, Mabel, a WAAC from Brooklyn. Lieutenant Helton particularly hopes to obtain men who have had experience in the production and stage management of shows.

## Livingston Loops

CAMP LIVINGSTON, La.—All the polishing going on around here is not being done on apples. The Special Services Section is offering cash prizes for the best day room in camp, and the men are doing a lot of heavy housework to make theirs sparkle for the judges. Entries will be judged on the basis of neatness, cleanliness, general appearance, type and condition of equipment and facilities for entertaining the men of the unit.

Tiny, delicately carved wooden Chinese figures, loaned by Brig. Gen. George H. Paine, commanding general of the 46th F. A. Brigade, and Mrs. Paine, provide authentic atmosphere for the "Know China Better" exhibit in the Service Club library. Another interesting display features National Negro History Week.

One hundred and seventy years of faithful service to the Army by six men were represented recently at the ceremonies honoring M/Sgt. Will Nichols' retirement. Five veteran non-coms acted as staff for Sergeant Nichols, who had 30 years of service. The staff and their years of service: M/Sgt. W. H. Harrington, 30 years; M/Sgt. Johnnie Jones, 27 years; M/Sgt. Francis A. Sanders, 27 years; M/Sgt. Tom Baldwin, 28 years, and S/Sgt. Frank Fox, 28 years.

**CHORUS**  
The 350th F. A. male chorus presented a program of spirituals and classical and semi-classical music last Sunday at the 149th Infantry Chapel of the 38th Division. The group appeared at the invitation of Chaplain Frederick of the 149th.

## Corporal Wins General's Praise

FORT KNOX, Ky.—Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Chief of the Armored Force, commended Cpl. Owen Yancey this week for the corporal's amazing six-months record of scrap metal and rubber salvage.

In six months, Yancey rounded up a total of 406,270 pounds of rubber, armored steel, copper and brass, wire and scrap fencing, wrought iron and other scrap. More than 203 tons!

He did it with a 2½-ton truck, block-and-tackle, crowbar, chain and cables—and a bit of help occasionally from a couple of other soldiers. But,

by and large, it was a one-man salvage corps at work.

Yancey went over nearly every foot of the vast Fort Knox reservation. He knew the ground well. As a boy he had played on much of the farmland which later was absorbed into the reservation.

Old farmhouses which were acquired with the land, as well as barns, mills and other buildings, yielded a large quantity of old metal. In one abandoned farmhouse, Yancey found an old musket. Several old caissons, relics of previous wars, were also collected.

Toughest job he encountered was

toting 3100 pounds of 20-inch pipe up a 750-foot cliff. He and two assistants broke the pipe into small pieces and carried them up a steep path to the top of the bluff. It took three days.

Scrap collected by Yancey was delivered to the Quartermaster Salvage Yards, which sold it to steel companies. Much of it has or will be used in making new instruments of war.

That's why General Devers, who has encouraged scrap collection and rubber conservation throughout the Armored Force, wrote Corporal Yancey a personal letter of commendation this week.

## Fort Wood Chips

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.—Representatives of Fox-Movietone News were at Fort Leonard Wood and filmed the destruction of a mock Nazi village set up by the Rangers.

Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, commander of the Second Army, reviewed special detachments at the fort last week. He showed special interest in the Eighth Motorized Division Rangers, counterpart of the British commandos.

Friends and families of Fort Wood soldiers are advised by post authorities to stay away unless they have housing facilities reserved. There is an acute shortage of all kinds of accommodations around the post, with little prospect of an early improvement.

## Monroe Battery Commended For Perfect Score in Test

FORT MONROE, Va.—Battery A of Col. Wilmer S. Phillips' Coast Artillery regiment here—was recently added to the growing roster of organizations at Fort Monroe which have distinguished themselves in some phase of training activity, when this submarine mine battery received an official commendation by Brig. Gen. Rollin L. Tilton, commanding general of the Chesapeake Bay sector. The commendation was presented for having attained the highly-prized rating of "Excellent" in a difficult submarine mine target practice conducted a few months ago.

Congratulating the officers and men of the battery on their skill and efficiency, which enabled them to attain the perfect score of 100 in the mine target practice, Colonel Phillips, in a recent ceremony on the fort's parade ground, read and presented the general's commendation to the officer commanding the battery at the time of the practice, Maj. James N. Carson, commanding officer.

The impressiveness of the achievement was heightened by the fact that in the night phase of the practice, the minute target itself was hit squarely and blown sky-high.

### 44th Armored Regiment Honored by New March

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—The 44th Armored Regiment March, composed and arranged by M/Sgt. Leland H. White, leader of the 44th A. R. Band, 12th Armored Division, was given its first public presentation at a concert in Hopkinsville, Ky.

Sergeant White is an old hand at concert work, having played several years with the Ringling Brothers circus band. The 44th Armored Regiment March is now the official march of the regiment having been approved by Col. Thomas Q. Donaldson, commanding officer.

# CYCLONE MOSE

## Reconnaissance

By Cpl. Grover Page, Jr.,  
Camp Livingston, La.



## The Army Quiz

1. The Japanese Zero has an effective range of twice that of any fighter plane built by the British, the Americans or the Germans.

True      False

2. In Tunisia the British are using a new tank which they have named:

- A. the Roosevelt
- B. the Churchill
- C. the Stalin

True      False

3. A captured prisoner should never be interrogated at the battalion or regiment C. P. but should be sent to the division intelligence officer.

True      False

4. Japanese officers must serve a period of time as enlisted men before receiving their commissions.

True      False

5. Almost every sort of Allied plane was used in routing the Germans at the Kasserine Pass, but can you pick out from the following list the plane that was not used?

- A. Mitchell B. Marauder C. Hurricane D. Wildcat E. Aircobra F. Lightning

6. In commemoration of the siege of Stalingrad, King George VI of Britain offered a sword of honor for the city to the president of the U.S.S.R. Do you know who he is?

- A. Joseph Stalin
- B. Michail Ivanovich Kalinin
- C. Maxim Illovich Petrovsky

7. Germany has only two aircraft carriers.

True      False

8. It is said that Wellington made a profit of \$300,000 on the Battle of Waterloo. How was this done?

True      False

9. A. He collected the reward posted by British bankers for the capture of Napoleon.

B. He profiteered on the supplies going to his own troops.

C. Like all his troops he shared in the booty taken from the French Army. Even privates received part of this booty, although their share was only about enough to buy a couple of beers.

True      False

10. A technical sergeant is not eligible to receive a monthly family allowance under the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942.

True      False

### Guide to Syria Latest

A Short Guide to Syria has been prepared by the Special Service Division, Services of Supply. Like the other Guides, it is designed to familiarize American troops with the country and its customs and to promote friendly relations with the inhabitants.

(Answers on Page 16.)

## He'll Improve

## Trio Takes to Pup Tents, Likes Them Despite Cold

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Taking the quarantine restriction advice of medical officers seriously, Cpl. Hector Forman, Pfc. Augustine Martinez and Pfc. John R. Goetz, 148th Armored Signal Company, 8th Armored Division, spent the contagion period bivouaced in their "pup tents" instead of in the warm barracks.

With a case of measles in the company, camp medical authorities ordered the organization confined to its own area and daily physical inspections. The trio tried the camping out as a stunt first and then decided they liked it. Temperatures hovered around the 20 degree mark for the entire period.

Meanwhile other members of the company were advised to avoid con-

gregating and close contact. The trio's contagion free camp failed to make them immune from daily physical inspections, however.

OXYGEN MASKS are now being made from plastics, saving rubber for other uses.

## Catches on Quick

FORT SILL, Okla.—After 10 months with the 3rd Battalion, 167th Infantry, Pfc. Joe Hampton finally has sent his laundry out.

Up to now he preferred to do his own washing weekends.

Hampton has paid out about \$15 in laundry deductions without sending even a pair of socks.

WOMEN are building 60 per cent of the tanks made in England.

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## Wildcats Get a Hot Bath



**AN INGENIOUS ARRANGEMENT** provides hot showers for Wildcats of the 323rd Infantry, Camp Rucker, Ala., during bivouac. Shower was built from salvaged material by the troops. Water is raised from the stream by the pump at 1, piped under the fire at 2, and comes out hot at 3. Price of admittance is one stick of wood per man to keep the fire trench burning.

**CAMP RUCKER, Ala.**—Due to the forethought of their regimental commander, Col. Arthur P. Watson, soldiers of the 323rd Infantry of Maj. Gen. Paul J. Mueller's Wildcat (81st) Division, have the comforts of hot showers even while tenting in the field miles from their barracks.

At the suggestion of the Colonel, members of the 323rd utilized a gasoline pump which pumped water from two springfed streams through a length of pipe which ran through a fire trench and to a raised platform with improvised showers, made of smaller pipes with holes punched in them.

Bleachers also were provided. They were built on a slope adjoining the platform, the planks furnishing a place to leave clothes and to dry off afterward. Rustic bridges spanned the stream from which the water came. Corduroy walks insulated

feet from mud.

Because sufficient water was supplied to shower 15 to 20 soldiers at a time and an entire company in 45 minutes, a schedule was effected which furnished a hot shower on the average of three times a week for each man in the regiment. And the price of admittance was one stick of wood per man, the wood being used to keep the fire burning in the trench.

But baths aren't the only convenience provided on bivouac. Men of the 81st have a chance to keep up on world news even while they are training in the field under simulated battle conditions. And this despite the fact that circumstances make it necessary to leave most radios in barracks.

In the 323rd Infantry, soldiers on bivouac keep abreast of the news by daily bulletins which are posted throughout the area. The regimental radio is tuned in each noon to a

news broadcast, and the material is transcribed from the reports by a stenographer. The eagerness with which the men wait for the noon "news call" attested to the project's popularity.

One of other similar methods is a record of a 7 a. m. broadcast put out by the Division Chaplain's office, in which a concise summary of the latest events is contained.

Even while on bivouac, soldiers of Company E, 323rd Infantry, enjoy meat, milk and butter kept luxuriously in a super-duper underground refrigerator which is rather more elaborate than the average. The pit, eight-by-eight feet wide and six feet deep, is floored by pine boughs and roofed by two layers of logs separated by more pine boughs and covered with earth. There is a rustic insulated trapdoor, a ladder, and shelves built into the walls. Two 100-pound cakes of ice lasts about five days.

**Never Ate Meals But . . .**

## GI Added 100 Pounds in Year

**CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.**—The largest man stationed at Camp Edwards—S/Sgt. Roy Birdwell, 320 pounds—got that way eating between regular meals and skipping the routine show calls.

He is attached to the MPs at the station hospital since he sought to be removed from his assignment as mess sergeant of Company L, 143rd Infantry, because he was putting on too much weight.

Sergeant Birdwell, although he no

longer eats breakfast and no longer eats between meals, has lost only 10 pounds since he left his old outfit about three months ago. He reached his all-time high about the time he left Company L, when he tipped the scales at 330.

Sergeant Birdwell weighed about 238 when the 36th Division was activated in November, 1940. A year in the Army put nearly 100 pounds more on him.

Asked about his diet in that year,

Sergeant Birdwell said, "I didn't eat much. A sandwich now and then. If the boys cooked something good, I would eat some. I used to sample the food to see if it was all right. I never ate regular meals then—just snacks in between."

Now his eating routine is different. He reports: "I don't eat breakfast. I eat chow at noon with the boys here. Then I go home at night and have supper. No, I don't eat between meals anymore."

**CAMP HOOD, Tex.**—While in Russia Red Armies under the command of General Timoshenko are hurling back the Nazis, a Chicago-born soldier here, Pvt. Alex Timosenko (his family dropped the "h"), is too busy training with a T.D. Battalion to think about his family's ties with the Soviet commander.

More than a year ago when the Russians held back the Germans for the first time, Private Timosenko was asked by reporters if he was related to the Russian general. And in Chicago, the soldier's family was questioned similarly. Although there is no actual proof, the Illinois Timosenkos believed they are related to their namesake who has been called a hero of the fighting in Russia.

You see, Private Timosenko's father fought in the Russian Army many years ago—and Camp Hood's Timosenko may some day fight alongside the forces of his famous relative in smashing the same Axis armies.

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## Troops in Western Theater To Get New Sleeve Insignia

**PRESIDIO, SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.**—A new shoulder sleeve insignia will soon make its appearance on troops in the Western Theater of Operations, it was announced today by Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army.

The War Department has approved a design for a two-inch square, one point up, divided horizontally by a zig-zag line with two points down. The lower part is black and the upper part is red. The latter is charged with a yellow conventionalized sun issuing from behind the partition line.

The device, the square, is a geometric arrangement of mountains found throughout the Western Defense Command, and it also forms the letter "W," thus being symbolic of the Western Defense Command and indicating protection.

All non-divisional units assigned to the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, except Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army,

the Fourth Air Force and Harbor Defense organizations, will wear the new shoulder sleeve insignia, as soon as it is available.

### Campbell Medics Learn Practice Makes Good

**CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.**—Constant practice makes good, the 78th Armored Medical Detachment, 8th Armored Division, discovered by averaging one mile in 11½ minutes on a recent road march.

Detachment training officers laid out a four mile course and the unit took the first crack at it with packs and equipment on February 8. Time: 60 minutes. On February 11 they tried it again. Time: 56 minutes. Third attempt was on February 15. Time: 50 minutes. On the fourth try the detachment made the course in 46 minutes.

**SEVENTY-FIVE** Army Engineers can construct a 200-foot bridge in two hours.



"It wasn't necessary to hang up that sign, Mulkey."

## Soldier, Only 14, Gets Discharge

**Private at Camp Beale Admits Age, Then Regrets It**

**CAMP BEALE, Calif.**—Pvt. Leonard Benjamin Irelan has been discharged. Private Irelan was a good soldier. His battalion commander said so, and Leonard himself said so, but the Army didn't like his age.

Private Irelan was 14.

Young Irelan ran away from home last November and enlisted in the Armored Force. Assigned to the 13th Armored Division, Leonard trained for several weeks with his pals in the tank outfit, before nostalgia for his home in Hendersonville, N. C., moved him to ask his company commander for a discharge.

Dad Drove Tank

He admitted to Lt. Garth Stevens that he was only 14 and had enlisted under his 17-year-old brother's name because he "wanted to drive a tank like Dad did in the last war."

The day after making this admission, the young soldier regretted it and asked to be allowed to remain in the Army, but regulations would not permit.

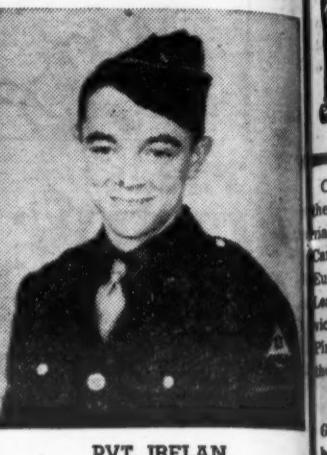
The day Leonard was honorably discharged he told Maj. John B. Wogan that his biggest regret was that he had never been for a ride in a tank. The general told him that situation could be easily remedied, and within half an hour the 14-year-old soldier was out in a 13th Armored Division medium tank, bouncing over the roads and ranges of Camp Beale.

Not All Fun

Leonard admits the Army isn't all fun. "Sometimes I like it, and sometimes I don't," he said, adding, "but mostly I like it."

Lt. Col. L. B. Woodbury, Jr., battalion commander, said the runaway schoolboy was "a good soldier with plenty of interest in his work. The whole battalion is sorry to see him go."

Weighing 10 pounds more than when he came in the Army and "lots stronger," Leonard said goodbye to his 13th Armored Division pals and started back to North Carolina to school. He's in the seventh grade.



## Barkeley Blasts

**CAMP BARKEY, Tex.**—Trainee in Co. C, 64th Bn., MRTC, approached the desk of Cpl. Milton Willner, company mail orderly, with a worried look on his face. The private shuffled over to the desk and handed a fat envelope to the corporal.

"It's pretty heavy," he told the corporal. "Do you think I have enough postage on it?"

Corporal Willner examined the envelope. There, in the upper right-hand corner, was penned: "Free, Free, Free." Corporal Willner thought it would be sufficient.

The march "MRTC," written by Sgt. Chester G. Osborne of the MRTC band and dedicated to Brig. Gen. Roy C. Heflebower, MRTC commandant, went to the publisher's this week. It was announced by M/Sgt. Vito Alfredo, band director. The song, being published by the National Education of Music in Los Angeles, Calif., may soon be featured by Merle Evans and his Ringling Bros. band.

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## SPORTS CHAT



CAMP PICKETT, Va.—Paced by the brilliant floor work and shot-making of Sgt. Ben Auerbach, the Camp Pickett Pirates shaded Fort Eustis, 38-37, to win the Capital City League basketball championship. The victory not only gave the title to the Pirates but gave them revenge for their only league loss of the season.

CAMP G R A N T, Ill.—Camp Grant's boxers took six of eight bouts in a recent match with the 11th St. Naval Station of Chicago. Gene Roberts, Grant 118-pounder, won his match on a technical knockout in the second round, for the only knockout of the match.

SCOTT FIELD, Ill.—Pvt. James Burden, former Western Kentucky State Teachers college star, captured the individual scoring championship at Scott Field by amassing 241 points in 14 league games for an average of 17.2 points per game. He led the post in field goals with 102 and in foul shots with 37.

JACKSON, Miss.—After a slow start in the Army Collegiate league in Jackson, which included Mississippi State Guard and the Jackson Army Air Base, the Mississippi Ordnance Plant won 10 straight games and the league championship. Leading the team was Sgt. Edgar Wilms, who averaged 14 points a game for 25 games.

BLACKLAND ARMY FLYING SCHOOL, Tex.—Sgt. Willie "Babe" Ritchie, recently transferred here, is one of the rare boxers who has faced Joe Louis in the ring and lasted to the end of the fight. Ritchie, who has also fought Max and Buddy Baer, King Levinsky, Bob Pastor, Billy Conn and Pat Comiskey, fought Louis in New York in 1941 and lost a decision, but was not knocked out.

CAMP STONEMAN, Calif.—Pvt. Frank Kovacs, who prima-donnaed and clowned his way through one of the greatest orgies the amateur and professional tennis world has ever seen, has an idea that mass interest in table tennis (one of his sidelines) can be stimulated. He cites the fact that doctors prescribe ping pong for persons with weak eyes; it's a known fact that it will greatly strengthen eye muscles and reflexes plus step up reaction timing. Kovacs would like to tour Army camps, giving exhibitions and then organizing play.

FORT SHERIDAN, Ill.—Ed Bogdanski, top scorer on Fort Sheridan's basketball team, got lost recently and missed a train which was to take his team to play in Joliet, Ill., against Joliet Junior college. He finally found a bus which got him to Joliet when the game was half over. He helped his team to victory by scoring eight points in the second half.

MATHER FIELD, Calif.—Mather Field did not fare very well in two sports recently when its golf team dropped a 8-7 decision to the Sacramento municipal golfers in Victory League competition, and a combined Mather-Kohler Field boxing team dropped a 7½-3½ match to the San Jose Spartans. Only one Mather Field boxer was victorious.

FORT HEATH, Mass.—Willie Hoppe, world's champion billiard player, shattered the sensational winning streak of Pvt. Morton Goldberg in a recent exhibition match. Highlight of the exhibition was the pocket billiard game when Goldberg ended with a score of 9-14. For a while it looked as if Hoppe were going to be beaten in the straight rail billiard game when Goldberg had 37 to 6 for Hoppe, but Goldberg missed a scratch shot and Hoppe piled up three straight racks.

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—An iron-man stunt was turned in by the 36th Armored Regiment "Invincibles" when they played and won three basketball games in as many nights. The "Invincibles" crushed Beery Air Base, 70-23, beat Smyrna Air Base its first loss in 17 starts, 48-28, and then beat Hassam Hall quintet of Vanderbilt university, 71-43.

# Bootin' Home Bangtails Took Training that Rivals Army's

By Cpl. Harold M. Wade

FORT ADAMS, R. I.—Bobby Oliver used to boot the bangtails home to the cheers of thousands of two-dollar bettors. That was before Uncle Sam called him from the silks of the race track to the khaki of the Army.

Now Pvt. Robert Oliver, erstwhile leading jockey of Canada and Cuba and a well-known rider on Eastern and Southern United States tracks, is playing nursemaid to—oh, the horror of it all!—a group of mules here at Fort Adams.

### Glad Horses Can't Read

The mule may be a valued member of the Army—but to a 21-year-old youngster who has spent the last five years on top of sleek thoroughbreds it's nothing short of sacrilegious.

The only thing that worries him is what the boys at the tracks will say when they find out he's currying a donkey. He can think of a

lot of names they can throw at him when he once again goes back to the paddocks—and he's mighty glad horses can't read.

Back in 1937 Oliver made his riding debut atop a horse called Ginger R. It was named after Ginger Rogers, the cinema star, but "it wasn't built like her," nor did it run like a headliner, either.

### Ridden for Crosby

Since then he has ridden at all the New York tracks, Suffolk Downs, Narragansett, the southland, Canada and Cuba. He has been a good average jockey. He has had his share of the winners—and he has had a goodly number of those that like to eat dust.

He has ridden Bing Crosby's horses—and disputes the assertion they would be good fodder for a soap factory. "He has good horses," Oliver defends.

Private Oliver looked death in the face a couple of times while pursuing his livelihood and emerged unscathed; he was up on a \$207 winner and didn't have a cent on the horse; he won 36 races in a month and a half in Canada in 1939 and had 49 in the '40-'41 season at Cuba, enough to make him the leading rider of the season in each instance—and he has subjected himself to a training pace that makes the Army ritual fade by comparison.

### Pluto Water, Ugh!

For breakfast he had a cup of coffee—and it was black. There might, on occasion, be a bottle of Pluto water to go with it (ugh!)—but absolutely nothing else.

If he was a bit too heavy to saddle a mount in the afternoon he went through a stiff conditioning program. He would attire himself in two sets of winter underwear; then a rubber sweat suit, a pair of old trousers, a leather jacket, a towel around his neck and a hat pulled down over his ears. This, mind you, with the temperature reading 90 in the shade of an average summer day.

To make certain he was going to shed his poundage the jockey would jog three, four or five miles—and perhaps more! When he came back to the paddock, says Oliver, he could extend his arms groundward and watter—and pounds—would pour off his fingertips in a stream.

A GROUP of correspondents in England are being trained to act as bomber crews on high-altitude flights so that they can better report the bombings of Germany.

# Queer Training



CPL. JOSHUA WILLIAMSON  
Tied for high jump mark

CAMP PICKETT, Va.—The Army has its own tricky obstacle courses for the training of its soldiers, but none surpass in weirdness and originality the obstacle course Cpl. Joshua Williamson set up here to train himself for the AAU National Field and Track meet, held Saturday night in Madison Square Garden, New York.

During the meet Corporal Williamson, former Atlantic City High and Xavier University luminary, tied for the national high jump championship of the year. He and William Vessie of Columbia, both cleared the crossbar at 6 feet 6 inches.

But a soldier in training for combat isn't necessarily fitting himself for high jump competition. So Corporal Williamson began mysterious late-afternoon trips into the adjacent woods. Curious soldiers who followed him beheld a truly weird and unorthodox training program. He had found two saplings growing side by side. He had driven small nails into them at half-inch intervals, and had cut another thinner sapling to use as a crossbar. He had dug a pit and had used wheelbarrows to haul sawdust to it from a nearby mill.

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PVT. ROBERT OLIVER  
He's used to thoroughbreds

## Nazi Sportsmen Hate 'Black Mike'

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—When John Keating toured Europe with the British ice hockey champions in 1938, they stopped over at Garmisch-Partenkirchen for a tilt with the German titleholders. Adolf Hitler, escorted by a large military escort, was a spectator.

"Black Mike! That so-and-so is up in the stand," Keating, who is a student in the Army Air Forces Non-Commissioned Officers Physical Training Instructors School here, heard one of the German players say.

"I hope 'Black Mike' drops dead," another German replied.

Several days later, Keating was informed that Hitler was referred to as "Black Mike" by the Nazi-hating Germans.

"But they were scared stiff to say what they thought about Hitler," Keating added. "You couldn't mention Hitler's name unless it was praise. So, when they wanted to talk about the Fuehrer they would always mention 'Mike' or 'Black Mike'!"

The 26-year-old athlete, who for the past five years played with the Detroit Red Wings and the Indianapolis Capitals, holds the British ice hockey scoring record of 45 goals and 40 assists.

A native of Ontario, Keating left his Canadian home in 1937 for London university where he was offered an athletic scholarship.

While there, the Greyhound Racing

### 2000 See Monmouth Semi-Final Meet

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.—The largest crowd ever to watch a boxing show at Fort Monmouth, attended the semi-final round of the 15th Signal Training Regiment tournament last week. Nearly 2,000 jammed every available spot to see the 12-bout show.

Company "O" claims the individual title for winners of the semi-final round. Three men, Col. Larry Davis, 129; Sgt. Paul Worthy, 156, and Sgt. Arnold Newman, 165, won their bouts.

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CAMP MCCOY, Wis.—At the top of all Army posts in the country in donations to the March O' Dimes campaign for funds to fight Infantile Paralysis, Camp McCoy officers and soldiers contributed \$6,657.86 to the humanitarian cause.

This exceeds by more than one third the contributions of the post reported in second place in donations, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., which collected only \$4,381.16.

## McClellan IRTC Blasts

FORT McCLELLAN, Ala.—Almost anyone, at one time or another, has seen an Army band. They're thrilled at the sight of the high-stepping marchers, the blaring instrument, the straight, even lines and the immaculate uniforms.

But few ever stop to think of the hard work that is required of the musician who aspires to become an Army bandsman. To become just an ordinary bandsman requires years of study but to make the Army band it's even harder and more exacting. It's not all just making the music.

Pfc. Nathaniel Holman was just an "ordinary musician" when he came into the Army a few months ago. Today he's a proud member of the IRTC Third Band and he gives us an idea of what the Army "music-makers" must be able to do.

"All Army musicians are first and foremost—soldiers," he says, "and as such they must be trained fighting men first and bandsmen second. They must be able to shoulder arms, hike long distances, live hard and charge the enemy along with the other men in the line."

Soldiers are famed as professional marchers," he continues, "and playing music and marching creates a task of coordination far surpassing the requirements of the ordinary soldier."

As an example he suggests: "Try walking while reading a printed page, whistling a ditty and at the same time keeping abreast of four other persons distributed at a yard's length all the while keeping directly behind the man in the line in front.

"Out of the corner of a music-reading eye he snatches occasional covert glances at the man on his right to keep the line "dressed" or even. He's also got to keep an eye on the drum-major's baton by means of which the drum-major denotes movements the band will execute.

"Arduous, persistent and grueling music practice plus exhaustive military and band drills is the stuff that goes into the making of the Army bandsman," Holman sums it up.

**FIJIPINO**  
Pvt. Carlos A. Cartagena of Seventh Regiment Headquarters Detachment once was a captain in the native of the Islands, having been born in Aparsi, one of the first towns to feel the brunt of the Japanese aerial attacks, and left the islands to come to America to further his education. He attended the University of Nebraska, specializing in engineering, and helped finance his tuition by appearing as a soloist and guitarist in small shows in nearby towns. He helped train some of the fine Filipino soldiers who fought under General MacArthur in defense of the Philippines.

If Pvt. Hyman Albert of Company B, Seventh Battalion, hasn't got a good fit in his GI's—it's his own fault. He's a former production manager of a firm that manufactured OD clothes for the Army.

Right at home on the bayonet course is Pvt. Hochberg of Company D, Seventh Battalion. In fact the long knife brings back fond memories to him—he used to be a sword swallower.

Fellow-trainees thought Cpl. D. D. Dennis of Company C, 23rd Battalion, stuttered when they asked him his name. When they found out his initials are actually "DDD," they promptly nicknamed him "Dee."

Just call me "Joe." That's what Pvt. Alexander Skrzestowski of Company A, 23rd Battalion, tells his mates and fellow-trainees when they ask him his name. "Joe" says he's been called everything.

Gifts of the famed Second Infantry Division alone, which is training here, totaled \$4,220.16. "My warmest congratulations to you men of the Second Division," commented Col. George M. MacMullin, post commander. "You did your part—in fact, more than your part. You exemplified the best that is typically and splendidly 'American' with your generosity. I thank you personally, as I know our President does, in whose name the drive was held."

Said Maj. Gen. Walter M. Robertson, Second Division commander who headed the drive there: "I am not surprised at the fine spirit with which our men cooperated in the Fight Infantile Paralysis campaign and, I must say, I am highly pleased. We'll clean up any other campaign, whether it's fighting or helping such a cause, in the same over-the-top way."

Biggest donation from an enlisted man was \$25 from Pfc. Morris Brown of 1606 QM. The unit with the largest per capita donations was the 84th General Hospital, with gifts amounting to \$200.81.

Keynoting the spirit of the drive was the stiff competition between the two post service clubs in raising money. Dances with soldier-talent to entertain were held at each and the two officers' clubs. For a time, no questions were answered in the office of Service Club No. 1 until a donation was forthcoming into the large Wishing Well coil receiver. Both service clubs raised \$392.32.

## Benning Briefs

FORT BENNING, Ga.—Brunette Verna Linnett of Bluffton, Ind., is the queen and sweetheart of the 10th Armored "Tiger" Division by virtue of her victory over 13 other contestants representing every major unit in the division.

Her sweetheart, Sgt. Phil Lagerblom of Division Headquarters Company, wore a flush of victory when she was crowned at a Valentine party. Now, his flush is more or less permanent and is diagnosed as a case of the measles.

While Fort Benning trains thousands of land-lubbering soldiers, a 10,500-ton Liberty ship has been launched to carry the name of Benning over the Seven Seas. Both the ship and the fort were named after the famed Georgian statesman and soldier, Brig. Gen. Henry L. Benning, who won the title of "Old Rock" in the War Between the States.

Winning a highly-prized medal in one war and not finding it out until another war is well under way was the unusual experience of Capt. Cornelius C. Koert of C Company, Maintenance Battalion, 10th Armored Division.

Upon writing for a copy of his citation authorizing him to wear the Purple Heart, he learned he also had won the Silver Star for gallantry in leading his men in the 105th Infantry, 27th Division, through a battle on the Hindenburg Line just 43 days before the Armistice.

Still another unit at Fort Benning is able to boast of an unusual dog as regimental mascot. This time it is the Provisional Truck Regiment, a part of the Infantry School Service Command.

This mascot, named "Astrid," is one of the famous Bouvier de Flandre work dogs of pre-war Belgium. The breed, which created a profound impression in the International Dog Show in Brussels in 1910, is almost unknown in this country.

Canada's First Parachute Battalion, which has been undergoing training for the past several months at Fort Benning preliminary to the establishment of a paratroop training center in Camp Shilo, Manitoba, Canada, saluted Brig. Gen. Walter S. Fulton, post commander, at an inspection and "march past" Friday (March 5).

**WANTED: A HOME** for a trick bear which can roller skate and box. Owned by Sgt. Donald T. Leslie, the bear is quartered near Aberdeen Proving grounds, Md. The bear's food bill sets the sergeant back about \$58 a month.

# Dogs Get Whiskey Barrel Home

"Roll out the barrel, Fido wants to sleep." That soon may be a new theme song for the Army's War Dogs as a result of an innovation in dog housing recently developed by the Quartermaster Corps, the War Department announced.

Whiskey barrels—minus the whiskey, of course—appear to be the warmest, most comfortable, and by far the most economical kennels yet devised for dogs who are serving their country in the Army's K-9 Corps. The Quartermaster Corps reports that some 250 barrels have been converted into first-class dog kennels at a total cost of only \$3.50 each compared with an average cost of \$30 for standard-type kennels. Furthermore, the dogs seem to like the new-style homes better.

Converting a whiskey barrel into a dog kennel is a simple and inexpensive operation. The barrels are carefully cleaned and parfined to insure the utmost sanitation. Then they are mounted on wooden cradles which keep them at an even keel a

short distance above the ground. An entrance is cut into the end of the barrel, which faces the south and is covered with a blanket. The dog's bedding is placed inside the barrel protection against the elements.

As rapidly as possible each barrel-kennel is being augmented by a front "porch" with a slanting roof which adds to the protection of the entrance against rain and snow and its own weight, thus permitting it to be lifted off easily and thoroughly cleaned each day. Because of the tight construction of a barrel made to carry liquids it offers 100 per cent protection.

In appearance, the new kennels are not unlike, in miniature, the igloos or huts erected for soldiers in Iceland and other overseas bases where the roofs are curved for added warmth and protection against the wind.

The idea of using a barrel for shelter is not entirely new, it being invented in fiction, at least that many notables including the immor-

tal Huckleberry Finn lived in comfort for months in a hogshed.

## Crowder Unit Gets Coat-of-Arms, Song

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—A coat-of-arms and a new regimental march made their appearance at the Central Corps Training Center, Camp Crowder.

The coat-of-arms is for the 80th Signal Training Regiment. It is colored orange and white a bears lightning flash, a telephone receiver and a radio tower, a burning beacon and a pair of bear's gambes. The motto is "Findere Coelum Arato" (to furrow the skies with a plow).

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# Private Plays With Symphony

But the Biggest Thrill Was the General's Smile, He Says

CAMP POLK, La.—It happened one night to Pvt. Samuel Rubenstein, youthful musician with the Eleventh Armored Division here.

He played his viola with a celebrated symphony orchestra, the Commanding General and Mrs. Brooks smiled at him during the concert, and afterwards he was greeted by the General's aide and many other staff officers.

"With all this situation, I felt like a king for a night," said Private Rubenstein.

"It was thrill enough for one evening to have had the privilege of playing with the Houston Symphony orchestra, but to be personally singled out by our division commander after the concert was even more of a compliment," he added.

At the post exchange a few hours before the concert Rubenstein met a group of musicians from the Houston Symphony. Learning he had been a member of the National Youth Orchestra of Philadelphia, conducted by Louis Vynner, they invited him to play with the orchestra that evening.

Private Rubenstein studied under Max Aronoff, famous Philadelphia viola teacher. He was with the National Youth Orchestra for two years. The 22-year-old musician is assigned to Service Company, 491st Field Artillery Battalion, Eleventh Armored Division, where he specializes in radio.

"Only in the Army, where changes are often swift and unexpected, could this most interesting experience have happened to me," the youthful viola player asserted.



PVT. SAMUEL RUBENSTEIN  
He felt like a king.

## 'Seeps' Are Latest; They're Water Jeeps

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—To the Army's ever-increasing lexicon, nimble-witted tom-tom beaters of this camp's Public Relations Office have added a new word destined to be adopted at posts everywhere.

It's "SEEPS"—or GI for amphibious jeeps!

Recently, a number of these land-lubber vehicles arrived at the Ordnance Service Command shops here. Their appearance at this vast infantry and field artillery training grounds caused rookies to stare in bewilderment.

Resembling the standard jeep except for pontoons and a under-carriage covering with a small propeller, the aqua-land mechanized mites were baptized during a trial run in the shallow, muddy Nacimiento river which flows through the heart of this post.

"They're swell for beach landings where bridgeheads have to be established," said Lt. John E. Clark, OSC

property officer, who conducted the test, "but amphibious jeeps—that's a tough name to remember."

It so happened that a member of the Public Relations Office was on board and quicker than a Garand can belch out a clip, he suggested several catchy titles.

Of the suggested names—"Nep-Mars," "Sealanders," "Aquaterrors" and several others—the accepted "Seeps" soared to the front. Now it's official so far as Camp Roberts is concerned.

Incidentally, the boys in the PRO also tagged G.I. bicycles as "creeps" which have been their names in innumerable camps.

### Now He Just Sits And Waits for KP

FORT MOULTRIE, S. C.—A rookie, now expecting a large dose of KP, learned the other day that Fort Moultrie is one of the few Army posts where serve a 49-year old father and his 26-year old son.

While in Charleston the rookie hitch-hiked ride with a jeep, bound for the Fort. Several other soldiers were on the jeep. The rookie picked a staff sergeant to talk with.

"Gee, we got a tough top-kick over in Battery A, the rookie began, referring to 1st Sgt. Hammon P. Ackerman of the 263rd Coast Artillery. "If they ever take a vote as the dumbest guy—etc., all words being choice and uncomplimentary on the subject of Sergeant Ackerman.

The staff sergeant broke a silence of several minutes and interrupted the hearty monologue. "Take a look at my identification card," he said, extending the card.

"Staff Sgt. H. P. Ackerman, Jr., eh?" queried the rookie. "You know, my top kick has the same initials."

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Assisted by Lt. William J. Van Cleve, Captain Franke constructed a "sand-table" on which is depicted, in almost stark realism, an actual battlefield, with the "medics" busily engaged in evacuating patients to battalion aid stations.

Spread over the sand in a box six by eight feet is the complete "drama." There are two battalion aid stations on the battlefield, completely camouflaged, and with the "natural lines of drift of the wounded" clearly observed. In one section there are machine-guns and artillery and infantrymen hammering away at the enemy—with "litter-bearers" in various phases of removing the wounded from the areas of fire to the battalion aid stations.

The scene is on exhibit at the rear of the Company mess hall. The box standing about four feet high, was constructed of scrap lumber. The sand was secured from the MRTC Operations and Training Division. Trees were made from weeds painted green and S/Sgt. John S. Davis, mess sergeant, made the miniature litters, splints and aid station installations. The soldiers and guns were purchased in a five-and-dime store.

Streams running through the battleground, and a lake, were made from cellophane tinted an appropriate shade. "Trainees scrutinize the sand-table in their spare time and get a much clearer picture of the installations and their operation than they would otherwise," Captain Franke said.

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**THEY SAY** Kitty Kallen can sing, too. She can be heard with Jimmy Dorsey's orchestra. Doggone, when they gonna get television?

## Signal Corps Celebrates Its Eighteenth Birthday

The Army Signal Corps celebrated its 80th birthday Wednesday (March 3) with its men strategically posted in many parts of the globe maintaining the communications of all the overseas forces of the United States. There were no formal anniversary ceremonies—only a renewed determination to "get the message through."

An Act of Congress of March 3, 1863, created the Signal Corps. It originally was authorized a Chief Signal Officer, with the rank of colonel; one lieutenant colonel, two majors, and the necessary number of captains and lieutenants.

Today, the supply service of the Signal Corps handles the procurement of radio, telephone, telegraph, and all other signal equipment not

only for the use of signal troops but also for the Air Forces, the infantry, coast artillery and other branches of the Army. This means the standardization, purchase, inspection, and distribution of billions of dollars worth of communications equipment.

Pioneering originally in the military application of the newly invented telegraph, the Signal Corps has been responsible for many advances in the science of communication. It was the first Federal agency to collect meteorological data by telegraph. The first U. S. Army planes were purchased and flown by the aviation section of the Signal Corps, and the first ground-to-plane radio communication was the culmination of its experiments.

## Fort Sill to Be Site Of Easter Services

**FORT SILL**, Okla.—Construction of scenes for the presentation of the world-famous Wichita Mountains Easter Sunrise Service, to be held this year at Fort Sill, began this week, it was announced by Maj. A. E. Davidson, special service officer at the Field Artillery post.

Formerly staged at Holy City in the Wichita Mountains 23 miles north of Fort Sill, this year's pageant will be presented in the area known as the Punch Bowl on Medicine Creek, approximately one mile from post headquarters.

Twelve sets, the largest to be more than 100 feet wide, will be constructed for the presentation of the 50 tableaux which will be included

in the service. The sets will include Pilate's Court, the Triumphal Entry, Gethsemane, the Last Supper, the Inn, the Nativity, Jacob's Ladder, Herod's Court, Christ's Tomb, and a stage.

More than two thousand persons will participate in presenting the service, which will begin at 4:30 a. m. Easter Sunday and will continue till dawn.

"The location of the service is being changed in order that Fort Sill personnel may attend, in spite of gasoline rationing and other transportation difficulties," Rev. A. M. Wallock, founder and director of the service, said.

## Official Communications Aren't Always So Dry

**CAMP CAMPBELL**, Ky.—Who says the Army can't unbend? Even official channels can be sources of humor when they flow past understanding officers. Witness the promotion of one Daisy Mae Wiggler, pink nosed little terror of varied an-

cestry and mascot of Company D, 53rd Armored Engineer Battalion, 8th Armored Division, for whom official correspondence as discovered by a division reporter went like this:

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Promotion.

TO: Commanding Officer, 53rd Armored Engineer Battalion, Camp Campbell, Ky.

1. Request that the company mascot, Cpl. Daisy Mae Wiggler, D-7-11, of this organization be recommended for the following promotion.

TO BE SERGEANT

Cpl. Daisy Mae Wiggler, D-7-11.  
EDGAR J. ALBRICK,

Capt. Co. "D," 53rd  
Armd Eng. Bn.  
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS, 53RD ARMORED ENGINEER BATTALION,  
Camp Campbell, Ky.

TO: Commanding Officer, Co. "D,"  
53rd Armored Engineer Battalion.  
Recommendation Approved.

CHARLES M. McAFFEE, JR.,  
Lt. Col. 53rd Armd. Eng. Bn.,  
Commanding.

## Stewart PX Turns Out 3,600 Sandwiches Daily

**CAMP STEWART**, Ga.—The Camp Exchange has opened its own sandwich factory here and is now turning out 3,600 delicious sandwiches of all types daily.

The factory, in a converted CCC building, employs 13 women full time making the sandwiches, which are in turn distributed to the numerous exchanges on the post, where they are speedily bought up by the soldiers and civilian personnel.

RED CROSS auxiliary at Williams Field, Ariz., has turned out more than 20,000 surgical dressings.

## Lazy Soldiers Get Break

**CAMP STEWART**, Ga.—Blame this mechanized, gadget-wise age, if you will, or pen-lazy soldiers, perhaps.

Anyway, here at Camp Stewart, the mechanical counterpart of the old-world professional letter writer has been established.

In person, he is Edgar L. Kiefer, Pepicola recorder from New York City, who puts a mike into the hands of some 700 soldiers every week who talk a letter home to those No. 1 ladies—mother and sweethearts.

### Some Don't Write At All

There are some soldiers who like this method of correspondence so well they use it exclusively.

The young ladies who receive the small epistolary discs do not always have play-back machines, or phonographs.

But depend on the ingenuity of young women in love.

For instance, they seek out stores possessing sound-proof booths for record demonstration purposes. Feigning a desire to purchase, the young lady will slip inside and then

listen to her honey spilling that age-old line.

### They're Well Received

Whether it's a line or not, it's well received, we understand.

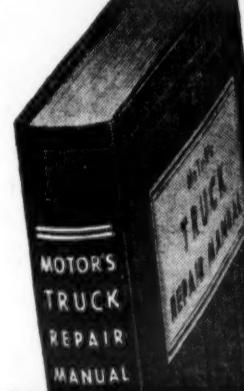
But those teen-age gentlemen of the military—who usually talk a letter to mother.

Well, they falter a bit at the start

—it's a new experience this talking to mother by mike. A case of acute homesickness strikes them momentarily, at times, and then the versatile Mr. Kiefer ad libs as an interlocutor for ten or twenty seconds—and then the young soldier picks up where he left off and finishes in good style.

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